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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 317, L.D. 408, “Resolve, To Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop a Plan for Neurobehavioral Beds'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan for neurobehavioral beds. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a plan to provide up to 16 new neurobehavioral beds in the State to serve individuals with brain injury and accompanying significant behavioral challenges who need short-term treatment for no longer than one year before transitioning to a long-term care environment. These individuals must be unable to be served appropriately in the community or in a nursing facility lacking specialized neurobehavioral services but must not need hospitalization. The department shall submit a report with the plan, together with any necessary legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 30, 2020. The committee is authorized to report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.'

Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the resolve. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to provide up to 16 new neurobehavioral beds in the State to serve individuals with brain injury and accompanying significant behavioral challenges who need short-term treatment for no longer than one year before transitioning to a long-term care environment. These individuals must be unable to be served appropriately in the community or in a nursing facility lacking specialized

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5 Legislature.

6 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

7 **(See attached)**