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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 1031, L.D. 1418, Bill, "An Act To Address Maine's Shortage of Behavioral Health Services for Minors"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §15001, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Behavioral health needs. "Behavioral health needs" means a wide range of mental health disorders and illnesses, substance use disorder, developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder.

Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §15001, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:

6-A. Extended stay. "Extended stay" means a stay of a patient in a health care facility that is longer than 24 hours.

Sec. 3. 34-B MRSA §15001, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:

7-A. Hospital emergency department. "Hospital emergency department" means the department of a hospital responsible for the provision of medical and surgical care to patients arriving at the hospital with health conditions, including illnesses and trauma, requiring immediate care.

Sec. 4. 34-B MRSA §15005 is enacted to read:

§15005. Data collection regarding children in hospital emergency departments

1. Data collection; posted on website. A hospital shall provide data to the department in a mutually agreed upon format on the number of children with behavioral health needs remaining in hospital emergency departments for extended stays, the length of the extended stays and the reasons for the extended stays. The department shall post aggregated data on an annual basis on a publicly accessible website without any information, including health care information, that may directly identify any individual child or family.

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1 behavioral health settings and report its efforts in a report to the joint standing committee
2 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)