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An Act To Provide Services for Adults with Diagnoses of Mental Retardation and Other Developmental Disabilities

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §5438 is enacted to read:

§ 5438. Services for adults with diagnoses of mental retardation and other developmental disabilities

To the extent possible using available resources, the department shall provide adults with diagnoses of mental retardation and other developmental disabilities choices from among an array of supports and services, including but not limited to: employment supports, personal supports, day programs and residential services. The department shall pursue appropriate resources for the supports and services needed by adults covered under this chapter.

§5438. Program of state-funded consumer-directed personal care assistance services

(As enacted by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. OO, §2 is REALLOCATED TO TITLE 34-B, SECTION 5439)

Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §17001, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Council report. The council, pursuant to its duties under subsection 4, shall provide information from the comprehensive review and analysis of services, supports and other assistance for persons with disabilities required by 42 United States Code, Chapter 144, Section 15024 (c) (3) to the Legislature by January 31st of each year.

Sec. 3. Coordination of information and data by the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition. The departments represented by the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 10-A, shall consider and evaluate methods to coordinate information and data that would facilitate the identification and tracking of the needs of persons with mental retardation, serious emotional disturbance, pervasive developmental disorder or other developmental disabilities and report recommendations to the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition, and the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition shall include the recommendations in its annual report pursuant to Title 20-A, section 7804, subsection 6.

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