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Resolve, To Create the Commission To Study a Stable Continuum of Care for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative McCLELLAN of Raymond. Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, MAKER of Calais, Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, HASKELL of Cumberland, MILLETT of Cumberland. 1 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission To Study a 2 Stable Continuum of Care for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities 3 and Autism, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be it 4 further

5 Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 6 13 members appointed as follows:

Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including
 members from the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint
 Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee
 on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development;

- Five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
 House, including members from the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human
 Services, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint
 Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development; and
- Five members appointed by the Governor who possess expertise in the subject
 matter of the study, including family members of, advocates for and providers of care for
 persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism; and be it further
- 18 Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the first-named Senate member is the Senate 19 chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the 20 commission; and be it further

Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved: That all 21 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this 22 23 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, 24 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more 25 26 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority 27 for the commission to meet and conduct its business; and be it further 28

29 Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall:

Examine the most efficient ways to maintain a stable continuum of care within the
 different state systems involved in the lifelong care of persons with intellectual and
 developmental disabilities and autism in the Department of Health and Human Services,
 the Department of Education and the Department of Labor so that all 3 departments are
 able to provide assistance without duplication of efforts and programs and to ensure
 seamless transitions between departments; and

Determine the viability of and benefits concerning the participation in this State of
 the federal Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities; and
 be it further

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further

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3 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 2, 2015, the commission 4 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested 5 legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

SUMMARY

7 This resolve establishes the Commission To Study a Stable Continuum of Care for 8 Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Autism. The commission is required to examine the best way for different state systems involved in the lifelong care 9 of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism in the Department 10 11 of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education and the Department of 12 Labor to provide a stable continuum of care without duplication of efforts and programs and to ensure seamless transitions between departments. It is required to also examine 13 the status of the federal Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual 14 15 Disabilities. The commission is required to report its findings to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature. 16