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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 664, L.D. 951, Bill, “An Act To Repeal the 2-year Limit on Methadone and Suboxone Treatments under MaineCare”

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

'Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Methadone Clinic Data'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Office of substance abuse and mental health services within the Department of Health and Human Services to provide methadone clinic data.

Resolved: That the office of substance abuse and mental health services within the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide a report of data from 2009 to 2013 from methadone clinics in this State. The report must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 1, 2014. The report must include, but is not limited to, the following data:

1. The number of clients at the clinics;
2. The number of clients receiving take-home doses of methadone;
3. The average doses of methadone for clients given at the clinic and clients receiving take-home doses;
4. The range of doses of methadone for clients given at the clinic and clients receiving take-home doses;
5. The incidence of tapering dosage, including any changes in tapering resulting from the enactment of a lifetime 2-year cap pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-VV;
6. The frequency of drug use in the past 30 days by clients at the clinics;
7. The number of arrests in the past 30 days of clients at the clinics;

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- 1 8. The number of clients discharged and reasons for those discharges; and
- 2 9. The number of deaths of clients.'

SUMMARY

4 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, requires the office of
 5 substance abuse and mental health services within the Department of Health and Human
 6 Services to prepare a report using data from 2009 to 2013 from methadone clinics in this
 7 State. The report must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and
 8 Human Services no later than January 1, 2014. The report must include, but is not
 9 limited to, data on the number of clients at the clinics, the number of clients receiving at-
 10 home doses of methadone, the average doses and range of doses of methadone received
 11 by clients both at the clinic and receiving at-homes doses, the incidence of tapering of the
 12 dosage, including any changes in tapering resulting from the enactment of a lifetime limit
 13 of 2 years, the frequency of drug use and the number of arrests in the last 30 days of
 14 clients at the clinics, the number of clients discharged and the reasons for the discharges
 15 and the number of deaths of clients.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)