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House of Representatives, February 12, 2015

**An Act To Provide Additional Oversight over the Management of
the Department of Health and Human Services**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HAMANN of South Portland, MORRISON of South
Portland, STUCKEY of Portland, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono, Senator: HASKELL of
Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22-A MRSA §204-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§204-A. Appointments subject to legislative review**

4 The Governor shall appoint the following, subject to review by the joint standing
5 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters
6 and confirmation by the Senate:

7 **1. Center for Disease Control and Prevention.** The Director of the Maine Center
8 for Disease Control and Prevention;

9 **2. Dorothea Dix.** The Superintendent of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center; and

10 **3. Riverview.** The Superintendent of Riverview Psychiatric Center.

11 **Sec. 2. 22-A MRSA §205, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. N, §44, is
12 further amended to read:

13 **4. Appointments.** All deputy commissioners, all office directors, the regional
14 systems integration directors and the superintendents of any state institutions are
15 appointed by the commissioner and serve at the pleasure of the commissioner except as
16 otherwise provided pursuant to section 204-A.

17 Deputy commissioners and office directors appointed pursuant to this subsection must
18 have educational qualifications and professional experience directly related to the
19 functions of and services provided by the relevant unit or office.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill requires the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and
22 Prevention, the Superintendent of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and the
23 Superintendent of Riverview Psychiatric Center to be appointed by the Governor subject
24 to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
25 health and human services matters and confirmation by the Senate.