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House of Representatives, March 21, 2023

An Act to Support Peer Mentors for Parents Involved in the Child Protective Services System

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


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot.
Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAFTS of Newcastle,
CRAVEN of Lewiston, FAY of Raymond, MADIGAN of Waterville, MASTRACCIO of
Sanford, STOVER of Boothbay.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
3 allocations are made.

4 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

5 **Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307**

6 Initiative: Provides one-time funding to contract with an entity to provide free classes with
7 information, resources and support to understand child protective services, facilitated by
8 parents who have experienced the child protective services system or navigated multiple
9 complex systems.

10	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
11	All Other	\$340,000	\$340,000
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13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$340,000</u>	<u>\$340,000</u>

14 **Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

15 Initiative: Provides one-time funding to contract for one peer recovery coach per district
16 office to support parents with substance use disorder with an open case with child protective
17 services.

18	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
19	All Other	\$920,000	\$920,000
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21	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$920,000</u>	<u>\$920,000</u>

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23 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,**
24 **DEPARTMENT OF**
25 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

26		2023-24	2024-25
27	GENERAL FUND	\$1,260,000	\$1,260,000
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29	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$1,260,000</u>	<u>\$1,260,000</u>

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill provides one-time funding to provide free classes to understand child
32 protective services and to contract with peer recovery coaches.