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An Act to Establish Parity in Funding Between Recovery Community Centers and Peer-run Recovery Centers

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Presented by Representative ROEDER of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BECK of South Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FROST of Belgrade, GEIGER of Rockland, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 1605** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 1605**

4 **SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS IN RECOVERY FROM SUBSTANCE USE**
5 **DISORDER**

6 **§7281. Funding parity for peer-run recovery centers and recovery community**
7 **centers**

8 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
9 following terms have the following meanings.

10 A. "Peer-run recovery center" means a center operated and governed by individuals in
11 recovery from substance use disorder that provides peer-led support, education and
12 recovery services.

13 B. "Recovery community center" means a center that provides support and resources
14 for individuals in recovery from substance use disorder and that provides support and
15 resources for families and community members of individuals in recovery, but is not
16 necessarily governed by individuals in recovery.

17 **2. Funding parity requirement.** The department shall ensure that funding for peer-
18 run recovery centers and recovery community centers is maintained within a 10% margin
19 of parity. Parity must be calculated based on the total state funds provided to peer-run
20 recovery centers and recovery community centers in a fiscal year. The funding difference
21 between the 2 categories of recovery centers may not exceed 10% of the total state funds
22 provided to the category of recovery center that is the beneficiary of fewer funds.

23 **3. Annual reporting and compliance.** The department shall submit an annual report
24 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and
25 human services matters no later than February 15th detailing funding provided for peer-run
26 recovery centers and recovery community centers. The report must include:

27 A. The total amount of state funds provided to each category of recovery center in the
28 preceding fiscal year;

29 B. A calculation of the funding parity margin; and

30 C. An explanation for any variance exceeding the 10% threshold described in
31 subsection 2 and a plan to achieve compliance in the subsequent fiscal year.

32 **4. Rules.** The department shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section. Rules
33 adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as described in Title 5,
34 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

35 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to maintain funding
37 parity, within a 10% margin, between peer-run recovery centers and recovery community
38 centers. It requires the department to submit an annual report to the joint standing

1 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters
2 and requires the department to include in the report an explanation for any variance
3 exceeding the 10% threshold and a plan to achieve compliance with that threshold in the
4 subsequent fiscal year.