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House of Representatives, April 1, 2025

**An Act to Fund Community-based Organizations to Prevent and Reduce the Risk of Children's Involvement in the Child Welfare System**

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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 CRAFTS of Newcastle.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4004, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Funding community-based organizations that provide family-centered**  
4 **programs.** The department shall provide funding for community-based organizations to  
5 administer family-centered programs that provide positive childhood experiences and lead  
6 to increased social and economic mobility for families. These programs must include, but  
7 are not be limited to:

8 A. Programs rated as "well-supported," "supported" or "promising" by the Title IV-E  
9 Prevention Services Clearinghouse established by the United States Department of  
10 Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families; and

11 B. Programs that are built on a so-called 2-generation approach or a so-called whole  
12 family approach to child and family well-being.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill amends the law governing the authority of the Department of Health and  
15 Human Services under the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act. The bill  
16 requires that the department provide funding for community-based organizations to  
17 administer certain family-centered programs that support positive childhood experiences  
18 and lead to increased social and economic mobility for families.