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An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Crisis Services and Suicide Prevention Services

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

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 2 CONCEPT DRAFT 3 SUMMARY 4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. 5 This bill would improve the quality of and access to behavioral health crisis services; reduce the stigma surrounding suicide, mental health conditions and substance use

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This bill would improve the quality of and access to behavioral health crisis services; reduce the stigma surrounding suicide, mental health conditions and substance use disorder; provide a behavioral health crisis response that is substantially equivalent to the response already provided to individuals who require emergency physical health care in the State; strengthen the crisis response for children, youth, young persons and families; and codify the name of the 988 telephone number for the national suicide and crisis hotline.