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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 563, L.D. 907, “An Act to Meet the Needs of Individuals with Severe Behavioral Health Diagnoses”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §1228 is enacted to read:

§1228. Contingency fund

The department shall establish and maintain a contingency fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," to provide supplemental assistance for children and adults with severe behavioral health diagnoses when those needs are not met by other state or federal programs. The fund is nonlapsing and must be used to supplement, not supplant, other expenditures by the department to assist children and adults with severe behavioral health diagnoses.

1. Funds. Money in the fund may be used by the department to assist a child or adult with a severe behavioral health diagnosis in the following ways:

- A. To support enhanced reimbursement rates or additional staffing needs in the child's or adult's home or community;
- B. To fund physical accommodations that ensure the child's or adult's home is safe; or
- C. To address other needs identified by the child's or adult's family or providers of services that are necessary to support the child's or adult's need.

2. Sources of fund; maximum expenditures. All money appropriated by the State for the purposes of the fund must be deposited into the fund. Expenditures from the fund may not exceed \$100,000 in any fiscal year.

3. Rulemaking. The department may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

