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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 836, L.D. 1261, “An Act to Support At-risk Families by Establishing the Community Navigator Pilot Program”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Establish the Community Navigator Pilot Program to Support At-risk Families'

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

'Sec. 1. Community Navigator Pilot Program. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall contract with 2 child abuse and neglect prevention councils under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1057 to establish a 2-year pilot program, the Community Navigator Pilot Program, referred to in this resolve as "the pilot program," for 2 community navigators. In developing the contracts, the department shall determine which 2 child abuse and neglect prevention councils are prepared to participate in the pilot program and ensure that one child abuse and neglect prevention council is in a northern part of the State and the other is in a southern part of the State. The department shall provide funding for each community navigator in the amount of \$90,000 per community navigator, per year, for both year one and year 2 of the pilot program. The department shall award the contracts no later than July 1, 2026, and the pilot program may not last longer than 2 years. The contracts must include mechanisms for identifying families in need of services from community navigators and for information sharing between community navigators and families.

Sec. 2. Services provided by community navigators to mandated reporters. Resolved: That a community navigator under the pilot program shall engage in outreach activities to provide education and guidance to mandated reporters, as set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 4011-A, subsection 1. Education and guidance include improving mandated reporters' knowledge of available services and resources for families, educating mandated reporters on how to refer families to services where those families live and providing guidelines for mandated reporters to work directly with families rather than only reporting suspected child abuse or neglect.

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1 and families. It changes the date of the beginning of the pilot program from December 1,
2 2025 to July 1, 2026.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)