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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1440, L.D. 2125, “An Act to Sustain Access to Children's Residential Care Services”

Amend the bill in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 4th paragraph (page 1, lines 9 to 13 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**'Whereas,** without immediate access to additional funding or reimbursement, children's residential care facilities are in danger of reducing the number of beds being occupied or closing; and'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Nonlapsing funds.** Uncommitted funds appropriated in section 2 of this Act remain in the appropriation account at the close of fiscal year 2025-26 to be used for the purpose established in section 2.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment strikes the section of the bill that requires the establishment of an emergency rate determination process for children's residential care facilities reimbursed under Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Appendix D. It also establishes that the funding appropriated in the bill is nonlapsing.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**