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An Act to Meet the Needs of Individuals with Severe Behavioral Health Diagnoses

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.

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 appropriate or allocate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services that would be used by the department to support the needs of children and adults 6 with severe behavioral health diagnoses whose needs are not being met by state programs. 7 8 The department would be authorized to use the funds to provide wraparound supports for children and adults with a high level of need, including: 9 10 1. Supporting special staffing, such as agency or in-home staff who require enhanced 11 rates to care for individuals in the community; 12 2. Implementing physical accommodations to ensure that an individual's home environment is safe; and 13 3. Addressing other needs identified by families or providers to best meet the needs of 14 15 the individuals receiving services. 16 The funds would be required to supplement, not supplant, existing program funding.