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An Act To Coordinate Services and Support Workforce Development for Substance Use Disorder Prevention and Peer Recovery Services

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

PART A

Sec. A-1. Department of Health and Human Services; funding for substance use disorder treatment and prevention. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide funding, through the request for proposals process set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 155, to an organization with experience in substance use disorder prevention, treatment and peer recovery. The request for proposals must include provisions that require proposals to provide for an individual trained as a trainer for peer recovery coaches to be the statewide coordinator of peer recovery support services for substance use disorder recovery and a certified prevention specialist or provisional prevention specialist to be the statewide coordinator of substance use disorder prevention, advocacy, education and community outreach. The request for proposals must be issued no later than January 1, 2018 to award funding beginning no later than July 1, 2018.

PART B

Sec. B-1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY BDS)

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services 0679

Initiative: Provides funding for a request for proposals for statewide coordination of substance use disorder education, advocacy, prevention, treatment and peer recovery.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$185,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$185,000

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services 0679

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for an annual in-state conference regarding substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery and offering continuing education units.

SP0149, LD 447, item 1, 128th Maine State Legislature
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 for Substance Use Disorder Prevention and Peer Recovery Services

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$7,500	\$7,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,500	\$7,500

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY BDS)		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND	\$7,500	\$192,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$7,500	\$192,500

PART C

Sec. C-1. Transfer of funds. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund \$7,500 no later than June 30, 2018 and \$192,500 no later than June 30, 2019 from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2430.

SUMMARY

Part A of this bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to fund, through a request for proposals, a position to coordinate substance use disorder prevention, advocacy, education and community outreach statewide and a position to coordinate peer recovery support services efforts for substance use disorder recovery statewide. The request for proposals must be issued no later than January 1, 2018 and the funds awarded beginning no later than July 1, 2018.

Part B of this bill provides funding for the request for proposals in Part A. Part B also provides ongoing funding for an annual in-state conference regarding substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery.

Part C of this bill requires the transfer of funds to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund for the purposes of this bill.