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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.

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.

| 1                     | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:   |
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| 2                     | CONCEPT DRAFT   |
| 3                     | SUMMARY   |
| 4                     | This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.  |
| 5<br>6<br>7<br>8<br>9 | This bill would appropriate or allocate funds to the Department of Health and Human<br>Services that would be used by the department to support the needs of children and adults<br>with severe behavioral health diagnoses whose needs are not being met by state programs.<br>The department would be authorized to use the funds to provide wraparound supports for<br>children and adults with a high level of need, including: |
| 10<br>11              | 1. Supporting special staffing, such as agency or in-home staff who require enhanced rates to care for individuals in the community;  |
| 12<br>13              | 2. Implementing physical accommodations to ensure that an individual's home environment is safe; and  |
| 14<br>15              | 3. Addressing other needs identified by families or providers to best meet the needs of the individuals receiving services.   |
| 16                    | The funds would be required to supplement, not supplant, existing program funding.  |