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House of Representatives, March 21, 2017

### **An Act To Promote Independent Living for People with Disabilities**

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

*Robert B. Hunt*  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.

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 proposes to reallocate certain federal funds currently received by the  
6 Department of Labor and the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that  
7 those departments are in alignment with the goal of allowing people with disabilities to  
8 live as independently as possible.

9 Under this bill, Maine programs would become more consistent with federal  
10 regulations by redirecting existing resources to fund the newly mandated 5th requirement  
11 of the independent living core services in the federal Independent Living Program, as  
12 adopted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for  
13 Community Living, Independent Living Administration. The 5th core requirement directs  
14 the provision of services to focus on 3 key areas for people with disabilities: transition  
15 from nursing homes to home and community settings; diversion from nursing homes; and  
16 transition of youths 18 to 24 years of age from school to adult living.

17 Possible funding streams include federal funding under the federal Workforce  
18 Innovation and Opportunity Act and Maine's Money Follows the Person demonstration  
19 project administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, federal funding  
20 currently allocated for the Office of Child and Family Services, office of aging and  
21 disability services and office of substance abuse and mental health within the Department  
22 of Health and Human Services and funding from the Department of Education from  
23 federal funds for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 grant  
24 for special services and adult education, as well as funds allocated or appropriated by the  
25 State from General Fund or Other Special Revenue sources.