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House of Representatives, April 18, 2023

An Act to Establish Substance Use Disorder Treatment Centers

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and
Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, RISEMAN of
Harrison, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President JACKSON of Aroostook, MOORE of
Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20005, sub-§21**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 524, §11, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **21. List of banned performance-enhancing substances.** Develop and maintain a list
5 of banned performance-enhancing substances in accordance with Title 20-A, section 6621;
6 ~~and~~

7 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §20005, sub-§22**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 524, §12, is amended
8 to read:

9 **22. Certification of recovery residences.** Establish by rule criteria for the
10 certification of recovery residences. The criteria for the certification of recovery residences
11 must be based on criteria for recovery residences developed by a nationally recognized
12 organization that supports persons recovering from substance use disorder. Certification
13 of a recovery residence pursuant to this subsection is voluntary. Rules adopted pursuant to
14 this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A-; and

15 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §20005, sub-§23** is enacted to read:

16 **23. Treatment centers.** Establish 2 treatment centers for substance use disorder
17 treatment. The treatment centers must have at least 10 beds each. At least 40% of the
18 occupancy in the treatment centers must be made available to individuals who have
19 coverage under the MaineCare program. A treatment center established pursuant to this
20 subsection shall provide:

21 A. A receiving center that is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week to provide
22 substance use disorder treatment while a patient waits for access to a higher level of
23 care;

24 B. Medically managed withdrawal services;

25 C. Access to medication to treat substance use disorder, including any medication
26 approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and

27 D. Coordination with services after treatment, including but not limited to local
28 recovery centers, hypodermic apparatus exchange programs and recovery residences.

29 No later than February 1, 2025 and annually thereafter, the department shall report to the
30 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human
31 services matters on the number of people served, the types of services provided, the
32 attempts made at community outreach and any recommendations relating to the services
33 provided by the treatment centers.

34 **Sec. 4. Request for proposals.** No later than December 1, 2023, the Department
35 of Health and Human Services shall award contracts pursuant to a request for proposals to
36 establish and operate the treatment centers required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes,
37 Title 5, section 20005, subsection 23.

38 **Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
39 allocations are made.

40 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
41 **Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199**

1 Initiative: Provides funding for the establishment and ongoing operations of 2 substance
2 use disorder treatment centers.

3	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
4	All Other	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
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6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

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SUMMARY

8 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish 2
9 treatment centers for substance use disorder treatment.