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House of Representatives, April 27, 2021

**An Act To Strengthen Statewide Mental Health Peer Support, Crisis Intervention Mobile Response and Crisis Stabilization Unit Services and To Allow E-9-1-1 To Dispatch Using the Crisis System**

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Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.

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

2 **PART A**

3 **Sec. A-1. Strengthen mental health peer support services.** The Department  
4 of Health and Human Services shall strengthen mental health peer support services by  
5 providing increased resources to the statewide crisis lines and statewide "warmlines" in  
6 order to provide effective, efficient services in the least restrictive manner 24 hours a day,  
7 7 days a week. The department shall work with law enforcement agencies to ensure that  
8 the crisis lines and warmlines are effective resources for law enforcement officers  
9 throughout the State. The department shall work with the Department of Labor to access  
10 grant funding to provide training and workforce development for mental health peer  
11 support specialists who provide services through crisis lines and warmlines.

12 **Sec. A-2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
13 allocations are made.

14 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

15 **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

16 Initiative: Provides funding for statewide crisis lines and statewide "warmlines" 24 hours a  
17 day, 7 days a week to strengthen mental health peer support services.

18 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
19 All Other	\$45,469	\$45,469
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21 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$45,469	\$45,469

22 **PART B**

23 **Sec. B-1. Strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response**  
24 **services.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall strengthen mental health  
25 crisis intervention mobile response services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7  
26 days a week. The department shall provide for certified intentional peer support specialists  
27 and recovery coaches, mental health law enforcement officer liaisons collocated in law  
28 enforcement agencies and mental health professionals with crisis services expertise at  
29 E-9-1-1 dispatch centers and for the addition of community debriefing and critical incident  
30 response services to the existing crisis services response system. The department shall also  
31 provide for ancillary services that are required components of mental health crisis  
32 intervention mobile response services. The funding for these ancillary services must  
33 include travel costs to and from mobile face-to-face assessments not to exceed 44¢ per  
34 mile, travel time to and from mobile face-to-face assessments and reimbursement for time  
35 spent on telephone conferences with clients. Beginning October 1, 2021, when a contract  
36 for mental health crisis intervention mobile response services is entered into or renewed,  
37 the department shall include in each contract a mechanism for cost settlement. Beginning  
38 October 1, 2021, the department shall provide reimbursement for peer support services  
39 provided as mental health crisis intervention mobile response services under the MaineCare  
40 program.

41 **Sec. B-2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
42 allocations are made.

1 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

2 **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

3 Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response  
4 services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and to provide funding  
5 for mobile outreach peer support specialists.

6	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
7	All Other	\$808,256	\$808,256
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9	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$808,256</u>	<u>\$808,256</u>

10 **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

11 Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response  
12 services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and to provide funding  
13 for certified intentional peer support specialists and recovery coaches.

14	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
15	All Other	\$406,044	\$406,044
16			
17	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$406,044</u>	<u>\$406,044</u>

18 **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

19 Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response  
20 services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and to provide funding  
21 for mental health law enforcement officer liaisons colocated in law enforcement agencies.

22	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
23	All Other	\$554,922	\$554,922
24			
25	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$554,922</u>	<u>\$554,922</u>

26 **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

27 Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response  
28 services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and to provide funding  
29 for community debriefing and critical incident response services.

30	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
31	All Other	\$113,674	\$113,674
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33	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$113,674</u>	<u>\$113,674</u>

34 **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

35 Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response  
36 services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and to provide funding  
37 for mental health law enforcement officer liaisons colocated in law enforcement agencies  
38 and mental health professionals with crisis services expertise at E-9-1-1 dispatch centers.

39	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
40	All Other	\$470,610	\$470,610
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42	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$470,610</u>	<u>\$470,610</u>

1           **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**  
 2 Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response  
 3 services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and to provide funding  
 4 for ancillary services that are required components of mental health crisis intervention  
 5 mobile response services.

6	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
7	All Other	\$636,575	\$636,575
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9	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$636,575</u>	<u>\$636,575</u>

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11	<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,</b>		
12	<b>DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
13	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
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15	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$2,990,081</b>	<b>\$2,990,081</b>
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17	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$2,990,081</b></u>	<u><b>\$2,990,081</b></u>

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**PART C**

19           **Sec. C-1. Strengthen mental health crisis stabilization unit services.** The  
 20 Department of Health and Human Services shall strengthen mental health crisis  
 21 stabilization unit services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The  
 22 department shall provide for certified intentional peer support specialists and recovery  
 23 coaches as part of mental health crisis stabilization unit services and such other resources  
 24 and services as are determined to be needed in each public health district. The department  
 25 shall work with organizations providing mental health crisis stabilization unit services, law  
 26 enforcement agencies and other stakeholders to determine the resources available in each  
 27 public health district and the resources and services needed. Beginning October 1, 2021,  
 28 the department shall provide reimbursement for peer support services provided as mental  
 29 health crisis stabilization unit services under the MaineCare program.

30           **Sec. C-2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
 31 allocations are made.

32 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**  
 33 **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

34 Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis stabilization unit services in  
 35 order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and to provide funding for certified  
 36 intentional peer support specialists and recovery coaches as part of mental health crisis  
 37 stabilization unit services and other resources and services.

38	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
39	All Other	\$1,265,753	\$1,265,753
40			
41	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,265,753</u>	<u>\$1,265,753</u>

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**PART D**

