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In Senate, February 26, 2019

An Act To Expand Recovery Support Services Offered in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties and the Greater Bangor Region To Improve Access, Treatment and Recovery for Those Affected by Substance Use Disorder by Designating a Regional Peer-supported Recovery Center

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative VEROW of Brewer and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DILL of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, MOORE of
Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20056** is enacted to read:

3 **§20056. Regional peer-supported recovery center for Penobscot and Piscataquis**
4 **counties and greater Bangor region**

5 The department shall designate a peer-supported recovery center that provides
6 recovery support services to persons with substance use disorder in Penobscot County as
7 a regional peer-supported recovery center to provide recovery support services in
8 Penobscot and Piscataquis counties and the greater Bangor region as defined in rules
9 adopted by the department. The department may not designate a peer-supported recovery
10 center that was not providing recovery support services to persons with substance use
11 disorder in Penobscot County on and before February 1, 2019 as a regional peer-
12 supported recovery center pursuant to this section.

13 **Sec. 2. Regional peer-supported recovery center.** By November 1, 2019, the
14 Department of Health and Human Services shall contract with a regional peer-supported
15 recovery center designated by the department under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5,
16 section 20056 to expand recovery support services to all areas in Penobscot and
17 Piscataquis counties and the greater Bangor region as defined in rules adopted by the
18 department. For the purposes of this section, "recovery support services" means services
19 that recognize recovery is a process of change through which individuals improve their
20 health and wellness, live self-directed lives and strive to reach their full potential,
21 including, but not limited to, safe housing, transportation, peer mentoring and coaching
22 and assistance with and access to employment services.

23 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
24 allocations are made.

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

26 **Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services 0679**

27 Initiative: Provides funding to the Department of Health and Human Services to contract
28 with a peer-supported recovery center designated by the department as a regional peer-
29 supported recovery center under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 20056 to
30 expand recovery support services in Penobscot and Piscataquis counties and the greater
31 Bangor region.

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33	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
34	All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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36	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

SUMMARY

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This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with a regional peer-supported recovery center to expand recovery support services to all areas in Penobscot and Piscataquis counties and the greater Bangor region and provides funding for the contract.