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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1408, L.D. 2197, “An Act to Strengthen the Health, Well-being and Academic Success of Children and Their Families Through Increased Community Support of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Maine”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Develop a Grant Program to Provide Career Exploration Opportunities to Youth in the Community'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Grant program. The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a grant program for community-based organizations that provide career exploration opportunities for youth of middle school and high school age. The department shall develop a request for proposals that focuses on increasing physical space in the community to increase the number of youth served, as well as improving the health, well-being and academic success of youth and advancing social equity. The funding for the program must be fully expended in fiscal year 2024-25 and may be awarded to a single organization or multiple organizations, as long as the award process is competitive. The department shall provide a report on how the funding was spent to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than January 1, 2026.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Purchased Social Services 0228**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to the Department of Health and Human Services for a grant program for community-based organizations that provide career exploration opportunities for youth of middle school and high school age in the community to improve their health, well-being and academic success and advance social equity.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
2	All Other	\$0	\$2,000,000
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$2,000,000

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6 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
7 number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

9 This amendment, which is the majority report, replaces the bill and changes the title.
10 It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a grant program, with
11 \$2,000,000 in funds, for community-based organizations that provide career exploration
12 opportunities for youth of middle school and high school age. The award process must be
13 competitive, including requests for proposals. The department must focus its awards on
14 programs that increase physical space in the community to increase the number of youth
15 served, as well as improving the health, well-being and academic success of youth and
16 advancing social equity. The department must provide a report on how the funding was
17 spent to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and
18 human services matters no later than January 1, 2026.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)