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**STATE OF MAINE  
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131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 708, L.D. 1761, “An Act to Include Certain Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 10 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 10. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF  
Crisis Outreach Program Z216**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the prospective costs of certain employees within the department being allowed to participate in the 1998 Special Plan effective October 1, 2023.

|                           |                 |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>       | <b>2023-24</b>  | <b>2024-25</b>  |
| Personal Services         | \$61,229        | \$84,084        |
| <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b> | <u>\$61,229</u> | <u>\$84,084</u> |

**Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z222**

Initiative: Allocates ongoing funds for the prospective costs of certain employees within the department being allowed to participate in the 1998 Special Plan effective October 1, 2023.

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| <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>       | <b>2023-24</b>   | <b>2024-25</b>   |
| Personal Services                        | \$197,171        | \$270,972        |
| <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b> | <u>\$197,171</u> | <u>\$270,972</u> |

**Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the prospective costs of certain employees within the department being allowed to participate in the 1998 Special Plan effective October 1, 2023.

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| <b>GENERAL FUND</b> | <b>2023-24</b> | <b>2024-25</b> |
| Personal Services   | \$995          | \$1,369        |

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

|    |   |                    |                  |
|----|---|--------------------|------------------|
| 1  |   |                    |                  |
| 2  | GENERAL FUND TOTAL  | \$995              | \$1,369          |
| 3  | <b>Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219</b>  |                    |                  |
| 4  | Initiative: Allocates ongoing funds for the prospective costs of certain employees within     |                    |                  |
| 5  | the department being allowed to participate in the 1998 Special Plan effective October 1,     |                    |                  |
| 6  | 2023.   |                    |                  |
| 7  | <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>  | <b>2023-24</b>     | <b>2024-25</b>   |
| 8  | Personal Services   | \$267,430          | \$367,475        |
| 9  |   |                    |                  |
| 10 | OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL   | \$267,430          | \$367,475        |
| 11 |   |                    |                  |
| 12 | <b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,</b>   |                    |                  |
| 13 | <b>DEPARTMENT OF</b>  |                    |                  |
| 14 | <b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>  | <b>2023-24</b>     | <b>2024-25</b>   |
| 15 |   |                    |                  |
| 16 | <b>GENERAL FUND</b>   | <b>\$62,224</b>    | <b>\$85,453</b>  |
| 17 | <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>  | <b>\$464,601</b>   | <b>\$638,447</b> |
| 18 |   |                    |                  |
| 19 | <b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>   | <b>\$526,825</b>   | <b>\$723,900</b> |
| 20 | <b>RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES</b>  |                    |                  |
| 21 | <b>Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund 0085</b>                                     |                    |                  |
| 22 | Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the increase in the unfunded actuarial liability as a |                    |                  |
| 23 | result of allowing the service retirement benefits for certain employees within the           |                    |                  |
| 24 | Department of Health and Human Services earned under the regular state employee and           |                    |                  |
| 25 | teacher plan to be calculated under the 1998 Special Plan.                                    |                    |                  |
| 26 | <b>GENERAL FUND</b>   | <b>2023-24</b>     | <b>2024-25</b>   |
| 27 | All Other   | \$8,338,558        | \$0              |
| 28 |   |                    |                  |
| 29 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL  | \$8,338,558        | \$0              |
| 30 |   |                    |                  |
| 31 | <b>RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC</b>  |                    |                  |
| 32 | <b>EMPLOYEES</b>  |                    |                  |
| 33 | <b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>  | <b>2023-24</b>     | <b>2024-25</b>   |
| 34 |   |                    |                  |
| 35 | <b>GENERAL FUND</b>   | <b>\$8,338,558</b> | <b>\$0</b>       |
| 36 |   |                    |                  |
| 37 | <b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>   | <b>\$8,338,558</b> | <b>\$0</b>       |
| 38 |   |                    |                  |
| 39 | <b>SECTION TOTALS</b>   | <b>2023-24</b>     | <b>2024-25</b>   |
| 40 |   |                    |                  |
| 41 | <b>GENERAL FUND</b>   | <b>\$8,400,782</b> | <b>\$85,453</b>  |
| 42 | <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>  | <b>\$464,601</b>   | <b>\$638,447</b> |

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| <b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b> | <u><b>\$8,865,383</b></u> | <u><b>\$723,900</b></u> |
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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment removes the ability of an employee in the Department of Health and Human Services who has responsibility for providing direct care to persons in need of mental health services in a community-based or residential setting or to residents or patients of mental health institutions in the State to elect to participate in the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. The United States Internal Revenue Service does not permit such elections by employees in a qualified plan. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**