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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 898, L.D. 2105, “Resolve, to Protect and Enhance Access to Behavioral Health Services in Androscoggin County and Surrounding Communities”

Amend the resolve in the emergency preamble by inserting after the 7th paragraph the following:

Whereas, Tri-County Mental Health Services, a vital provider of community-based behavioral health services, is experiencing acute financial pressure and facing imminent closure; and

Whereas, Spurwink Services is positioned to acquire Tri-County Mental Health Services but requires one-time financial support to complete the acquisition; and'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the first line (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "funding" the following: 'to St. Mary's Regional Medical Center'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

Sec. 2. Emergency funding to Spurwink Services to preserve health care access. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide a grant of emergency funding to allow Spurwink Services to acquire Tri-County Mental Health Services. Funds made available by this resolve must be disbursed no later than July 1, 2024.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

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

Initiative: Provides emergency one-time funding to St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center to cover projected operating losses in the fiscal period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 and to sustain and improve acute behavioral health care services.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
2	All Other	\$0	\$8,900,000
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$8,900,000
5	Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199		
6	Initiative: Provides emergency one-time funding to Spurwink Services to acquire Tri-		
7	County Mental Health Services.		
8	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
9	All Other	\$0	\$1,900,000
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11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,900,000
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13	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
14	DEPARTMENT OF		
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16		2023-24	2024-25
17	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$10,800,000
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19	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$10,800,000

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 21 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
 22 section number to read consecutively.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 The resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to provide
 25 emergency funding to cover operating losses associated with providing acute behavioral
 26 health care services provided by St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Lewiston to ensure
 27 that those services can be continued and expanded to meet urgent needs in Androscoggin
 28 County and surrounding communities while avoiding curtailment of other critically
 29 important health care services in the region. This amendment also directs the department
 30 to provide emergency funding to allow Spurwink Services to acquire Tri-County Mental
 31 Health Services. It amends the appropriations and allocations section to appropriate
 32 \$8,900,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 for St. Mary's and \$1,900,000 for Spurwink. The funds
 33 must be disbursed by July 1, 2024.

34 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
 35 **(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT