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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 16, L.D. 117, “An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services”

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

'Sec. 1. Community-based services; domestic violence and sexual assault. Notwithstanding any provision of Public Law 2025, chapter 388 to the contrary, any unused balances of the one-time funding of \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and one-time funding of \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services, Purchased Social Services program under Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Part A to replace current and anticipated reductions in grants to the department under the federal victim assistance formula grant program administered by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984 not needed for that purpose must be disbursed in equal amounts to a statewide coalition of domestic violence resource centers and to a statewide coalition of sexual assault support centers to support community-based services. The Department of Health and Human Services shall identify any unused balance as of March 30th of each year to be disbursed pursuant to this section.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. Instead of appropriating funds for sexual assault services, the amendment requires that any unused balances of the one-time funding of \$3,000,000 appropriated in fiscal year 2025-26 and the one-time funding of \$3,000,000 appropriated in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Department of Health and Human Services to replace current and anticipated reduction in grants to the department under the federal victim assistance formula grant program that are not needed for those purposes must be equally disbursed to a statewide coalition of domestic violence resource centers and a

1 statewide coalition of sexual assault support centers to support community-based services.
2 The department must identify any unused balances by March 30th of each year.

3 **SPONSORED BY:** _____

4 **(Senator ROTUNDO, M.)**

5 **COUNTY: Androscoggin**