

STATE OF MAINE

 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
 TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

 H.P. 13 - L.D. 47
An Act To Fund the State's Free Health Clinics

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

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants to the State's free health clinics. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide the funds appropriated in section 3 to the State's free health clinics by establishing a grant process in order to distribute the funds as quickly as possible. In issuing the grants, the department shall develop the criteria to be met by a free health clinic, including, but not limited to, the population that would be able to be served with grant funding. As a condition of receiving grant funding, a free health clinic must, no later than December 15, 2021, report to the department information about how the grant funding would be used by the clinic.

Sec. 2. Report from the Department of Health and Human Services on funding of the State's free health clinics. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2022 with information on which clinics were awarded funds under this Act, how much each clinic received and how the grant funding was used by the clinics. Following receipt of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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

Initiative: Provides one-time grant funding for the State's free health clinics.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$40,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$40,000	\$50,000