

OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

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To: Joint Standing Committee on Health & Human Services
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LD 979 An Act To Expand Maine's School-based Health Centers

SUMMARY: This bill provides ongoing funding of \$600,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for DHHS to distribute through a request for proposals process to expand the number of school-based health center sites. The Department is directed to give priority to proposals that demonstrate a commitment to closing existing health disparities based on race, ethnicity or tribal status.

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS FROM TESTIMONY:

- *Maine Primary Care Association:* Suggests making adjustments to the reporting requirements required of school-based health centers.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY COMMITTEE:

- Information about minor consent and school-based health centers

FISCAL IMPACT: Preliminary fiscal impact statement shows \$600,000 beginning in FY 21-22 from FHM.