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### An Act To Continue To Allow Young Adults To Remain in Foster Care after Turning 18 Years of Age

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford. Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, KANE of Saco, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Senator: BRENNAN of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3-A, as amended by PL 1971, c. 622, §69-D, 4 is further amended to read:

#### 6 §3-A. State wards

8 When a state ward becomes 18 years of age and he <u>the state</u> ward and the department agree that need for care and support for 10 educational, social or physical reasons exists <u>and the state ward</u> and the department reach an agreement on a plan for continued 12 <u>education, support and supportive services</u>, the department is authorized-to <u>shall</u> continue care and support of this person to 14 the age of 21 years.

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#### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Human Services currently has the option of 20 providing a program for educational, support and supportive services for certain state wards up to 21 years of age. This 22 bill makes this program mandatory under certain conditions.