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House of Representatives, February 28, 2019

**Resolve, To Establish and Fund Interventions for At-risk Families
and Children**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DENNO of
Cumberland, DOORE of Augusta, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

1 **Sec. 1. Evidence-based practices services for at-risk families and**
 2 **children. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide
 3 grants to behavioral health providers to fund the costs of attracting, retaining and training
 4 new professional employees to deliver evidence-based outpatient psychosocial treatment
 5 services for children and families involved in the child protective services known as
 6 "functional family therapy - child welfare" and "multisystemic therapy for child abuse
 7 and neglect." The department shall consult with behavioral health providers to develop a
 8 rate of reimbursement for these services under MaineCare and amend its rules under rule
 9 Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Sections 28 and 65 accordingly. The rate
 10 must take into account the costs to providers of delivering services, including for
 11 additional training and maintenance of fidelity to the treatment models. The department
 12 shall seek federal funding including under the Family First Prevention Services Act of
 13 2017 to cover the costs to develop and provide the services under MaineCare. If federal
 14 funding is not available for the costs to attract, retain and train new professional
 15 employees, the department shall provide grants using general funds.

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SUMMARY

17 This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants
 18 to behavioral health providers to fund costs to attract, retain and train new professional
 19 employees to provide treatment services known as "functional family therapy - child
 20 welfare" and "multisystemic therapy for child abuse and neglect" to children and families
 21 involved in the child protective services. The department is required to develop a rate of
 22 reimbursement for these services under MaineCare and amend its rules in rule Chapter
 23 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Sections 28 and 65 accordingly. The department is
 24 required to seek federal funding including under the Family First Prevention Services Act
 25 of 2017 for the grants. If federal funding is not available, the department is required to
 26 provide grants using general funds.