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H.P. 1528

House of Representatives, January 15, 2008

An Act To Improve the Health of Maine Communities and Reduce Emergency Care Burdens

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

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Clerk

Presented by Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and

Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CAREY of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, HARLOW of Portland, MAKAS of Lewiston, PINGREE of North Haven, RAND of Portland, WAGNER of Lewiston, Senators: BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, MARTIN of Aroostook, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, TURNER of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Neighborhood health resource centers.** The Department of Health and
3 Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall undertake a
4 program to create neighborhood health resource centers in the Parkside or Bayside
5 neighborhood of the City of Portland and in the City of Lewiston and shall provide
6 additional funding for existing federally qualified health centers established under 42
7 United States Code, Section 1395x. subsection (aa) (4).

8 **1. Collaboration.** To the extent applicable to the Parkside or Bayside neighborhood
9 in the City of Portland and to the City of Lewiston, the neighborhood health resource
10 centers established pursuant to this Act shall include as collaborating partners
11 neighborhood residents and leaders, a local hospital, a nursing program, a municipal
12 health department or community-based organization that focuses on improving public
13 health and a local housing authority or department.

14 **2. Operation.** A neighborhood health resource center established pursuant to this
15 Act shall procure matching private or local funding to match the share of state funding
16 available to the center. The center shall provide services through health professionals that
17 include nurses, nurse practitioners, nursing students and a supervising registered nurse.
18 The center shall provide health care services, including checking vitals, conducting home
19 visits and providing chronic disease management and prevention. The center shall
20 provide home visits as appropriate to the center and to the patients of the center. The
21 center shall include administrative components that track the outcomes of patient care and
22 evaluate the program, including the decreased use of emergency room services for
23 nonemergency health care needs.

24 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
25 allocations are made.

26 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

27 **Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

28 Initiative: Appropriates \$300,000 for neighborhood health resource centers in the
29 Parkside or Bayside neighborhood of the City of Portland and in the City of Lewiston and
30 for additional funding for federally qualified health centers to maximize the resources and
31 collaborative opportunities available to them, with the goal of improving the health of the
32 residents of their communities.

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| 34 GENERAL FUND | 2007-08 | 2008-09 |
| 35 All Other | \$0 | \$300,000 |
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| 37 GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$0 | \$300,000 |

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SUMMARY

2 This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for
3 Disease Control and Prevention to undertake a program to create neighborhood health
4 resource centers for the Parkside or Bayside neighborhood of the City of Portland and for
5 the City of Lewiston. This bill appropriates \$300,000 in fiscal year 2008-09 for the
6 purposes of the neighborhood health resource centers and for federally qualified health
7 centers.