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House of Representatives, January 31, 2013

An Act Concerning the Use of Tobacco Settlement Funds for Children's Health Care

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PLANTE of Berwick.
Cosponsored by Senator LACHOWICZ of Kennebec and
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, CHENETTE of Saco, EVANGELOS of
Friendship, GRANT of Gardiner, MARKS of Pittston, NOON of Sanford, WILSON of
Augusta, Senator: DUTREMBLE of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1511, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 617, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **6. Health promotion purposes.** Allocations are limited to the following prevention
5 and health promotion purposes:

6 A. Smoking prevention, cessation and control activities, including, but not limited to,
7 reducing smoking among the children of the State;

8 A-1. Prevention, education and treatment activities concerning unhealthy weight and
9 obesity;

10 B. Prenatal and young children's care including home visits and support for parents
11 of children from birth to 6 years of age;

12 C. Child care for children up to 15 years of age, including after-school care;

13 D. Health care for children and adults, maximizing to the extent possible federal
14 matching funds;

15 E. Prescription drugs for adults who are elderly or disabled, maximizing to the extent
16 possible federal matching funds;

17 F. Dental and oral health care to low-income persons who lack adequate dental
18 coverage;

19 G. Substance abuse prevention and treatment; and

20 H. Comprehensive school health and nutrition programs, including school-based
21 health centers.

22 Funding allocated pursuant to paragraphs A, A-1, B, C, D, F, G and H may not be
23 decreased in subsequent unified current services budget legislation or deallocated in
24 supplemental budget legislation in order to reduce a budget deficit.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill amends the law on the Fund for a Healthy Maine to require that funding for
27 children's health care not be reduced in order to address a budget deficit.