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No. 812

S.P. 257

In Senate, March 2, 2017

**Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Save Lives and Support
People with Substance Use Disorder in Washington County**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Heather J.R. Priest'.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias and
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: ALLEY of
Beals, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PERRY of Calais,
SIMMONS of Waldoboro, STEWART of Presque Isle.

1 **Sec. 1. Washington County Substance Use Disorder Pilot Project**
2 **established. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall
3 establish the Washington County Substance Use Disorder Pilot Project, referred to in this
4 resolve as "the pilot project," to provide services for residents of Washington County
5 seeking treatment and recovery support services for substance use disorders. The
6 department shall work with health professionals, municipal and county officials,
7 community groups and other interested groups and individuals in Washington County to
8 determine evidence-informed best practices for the area and to plan, implement and
9 evaluate the pilot project. No later than January 1, 2018, the department shall establish
10 and provide the services described in section 2 in the Washington County area; and be it
11 further

12 **Sec. 2. Services provided under the pilot project. Resolved:** That, to the
13 extent resources allocated to the pilot project permit, the pilot project must include the
14 following elements:

15 1. Training for entities that serve as points of entry to treatment and recovery,
16 including but not limited to law enforcement agencies and social service agencies;

17 2. Training for hospital emergency department personnel, supplies known as comfort
18 packs given to an individual starting detoxification in a home or other outpatient setting
19 and referral systems available in emergency departments of hospitals;

20 3. Detoxification beds;

21 4. Incentives and training for potential new prescribers of medication-assisted
22 treatment, who will be paired with counselors;

23 5. Services to individuals without insurance, including but not limited to
24 medication-assisted treatment, partial hospitalization program options, intensive
25 outpatient services, low-cost prescription medicines and counseling;

26 6. Child care, transportation and other services to address needs that act as barriers to
27 individuals in treatment and recovery;

28 7. Coordination among all entities in the treatment and recovery continuum;

29 8. Residential rehabilitation beds for specific populations, including but not limited
30 to women and youth;

31 9. Reentry housing for individuals leaving residential rehabilitation services;

32 10. Treatment and recovery support services for individuals in the Washington
33 County jail;

34 11. Additional counseling capacity;

35 12. A peer support center for individuals with substance use disorders;

1 13. Support services for family members of individuals receiving treatment or in
2 recovery;

3 14. A county resource center that compiles and disseminates information regarding
4 treatment and recovery opportunities; and

5 15. Evidence-based substance use prevention programs in schools; and be it further

6 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services
7 shall provide a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no
8 later than November 30, 2018, outlining the planning and implementation of the pilot
9 project and services pursuant to sections 1 and 2, details regarding funding expenditures
10 and quantitative and qualitative evaluation and replicability of the pilot project. The joint
11 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services
12 matters may report out legislation associated with the report to the First Regular Session
13 of the 129th Legislature; and be it further

14 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
15 appropriations and allocations are made.

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

17 **Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services - 0679**

18 Initiative: Provides funding for a pilot project to provide treatment and recovery services
19 for substance use disorders in Washington County.

20	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
21	All Other	\$800,000	\$800,000
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23	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$800,000</u>	<u>\$800,000</u>

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This resolve establishes a pilot project in Washington County to provide treatment
26 and recovery services for substance use disorders. It provides \$1,600,000 in funding over
27 the 2018-2019 fiscal biennium. The Department of Health and Human Services is
28 required to report on the planning and implementation of the pilot project to the Joint
29 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than November 30, 2018,
30 and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and
31 human services matters may report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the
32 129th Legislature.