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An Act To Promote Independent Living for People with Disabilities

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

Robert B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to reallocate certain federal funds currently received by the
6 Department of Labor and the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that
7 those departments are in alignment with the goal of allowing people with disabilities to
8 live as independently as possible.

9 Under this bill, Maine programs would become more consistent with federal
10 regulations by redirecting existing resources to fund the newly mandated 5th requirement
11 of the independent living core services in the federal Independent Living Program, as
12 adopted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for
13 Community Living, Independent Living Administration. The 5th core requirement directs
14 the provision of services to focus on 3 key areas for people with disabilities: transition
15 from nursing homes to home and community settings; diversion from nursing homes; and
16 transition of youths 18 to 24 years of age from school to adult living.

17 Possible funding streams include federal funding under the federal Workforce
18 Innovation and Opportunity Act and Maine's Money Follows the Person demonstration
19 project administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, federal funding
20 currently allocated for the Office of Child and Family Services, office of aging and
21 disability services and office of substance abuse and mental health within the Department
22 of Health and Human Services and funding from the Department of Education from
23 federal funds for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 grant
24 for special services and adult education, as well as funds allocated or appropriated by the
25 State from General Fund or Other Special Revenue sources.