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H.P. 317

House of Representatives, January 29, 2019

Resolve, To Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and
Representatives: COREY of Windham, DUNPHY of Old Town, GATTINE of Westbrook,
HEPLER of Woolwich, HYMANSON of York.

1 **Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to provide**
2 **neurobehavioral beds. Resolved:** That, no later than September 1, 2020, the
3 Department of Health and Human Services shall provide 16 new neurobehavioral beds in
4 one or more neurobehavioral centers to serve individuals with significant behavioral
5 challenges and complex medical needs who need short-term treatment before
6 transitioning to a long-term care environment. A center shall serve individuals with brain
7 injury and accompanying behavioral issues who cannot be served appropriately in the
8 community or in a nursing facility lacking specialized neurobehavioral services but are
9 not in need of hospitalization. A center shall provide short-term evaluation and treatment
10 for no longer than one year and shall facilitate transition to a long-term care environment
11 in the community or in a long-term care facility with appropriate treatment supports.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide by
14 September 1, 2020 16 new neurobehavioral beds in one or more neurobehavioral centers
15 to serve individuals with significant behavioral challenges and complex medical needs
16 who need short-term evaluation and treatment before transitioning to a long-term care
17 environment in either the community or a long-term care facility.