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H.P. 1379

House of Representatives, January 8, 2020

An Act To Address the Needs of Pregnant Women Affected by Opioid Use Disorder

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.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick.
Cosponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York and
Representatives: FECTION of Biddeford, McDONALD of Stonington, MEYER of Eliot,
PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PLUECKER of Warren, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT
ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1728** is enacted to read:

3 **§1728. Grant program for treatment of pregnant women with opioid use disorder**

4 **1. Program.** The department shall administer a program to provide grants to entities
5 that provide treatment for pregnant women with opioid use disorder.

6 **2. Department duties.** In administering the program under subsection 1, the
7 department shall develop:

8 A. Eligibility criteria for grant recipients;

9 B. A process for reviewing applications and selecting grant recipients;

10 C. Criteria for prioritizing grant applications;

11 D. Standards for treatment conducted under a grant; and

12 E. A program evaluation process and measures for assessing the impact and
13 effectiveness of the grant program.

14 **3. Fund established.** The Fund for the Treatment of Pregnant Women with Opioid
15 Use Disorder is established as a dedicated, nonlapsing fund within the department. The
16 department may accept funds from any public or private source for the purposes of
17 awarding grants and administering the grant program under this section.

18 **4. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules
19 adopted in accordance with this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title
20 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

21 **Sec. 2. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Fund**
22 **for the Treatment of Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorder.**
23 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer
24 \$1,000,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Fund for the Treatment
25 of Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorder established within the Department of
26 Health and Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section
27 1728, subsection 3 to be used for the purposes of that fund.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to administer a
30 program to provide grants for the treatment of pregnant women with opioid use disorder.
31 It establishes the Fund for the Treatment of Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorder
32 and directs the State Controller to transfer \$1,000,000 from the General Fund
33 unappropriated surplus to that fund.