

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2020

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No. 1946

H.P. 1390

House of Representatives, January 8, 2020

**An Act To Improve Access to Mental and Behavioral Health Care
by Providing Care in Clinical Reproductive and Sexual Health Care
Settings**

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 McCREIGHT of Harpswell.
Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland and
Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FECTEAU of
Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, RILEY of Jay, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: BREEN
of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3012** is enacted to read:

3 **§3012. Mental health and behavioral health services in reproductive and sexual**
4 **health care settings**

5 In accordance with Title 22, chapter 406, the department shall create a program to
6 provide for the delivery of mental health and behavioral health services in clinical
7 reproductive and sexual health care settings through the deployment of licensed mental
8 health professionals in those settings and by enhancing patient screening and care
9 coordination. The program implemented pursuant to this section must provide for access
10 to mental health and behavioral health services for populations at risk for mental health
11 issues and substance use disorder, including by means of early identification by a licensed
12 mental health professional or health care provider, intervention and referral. The
13 department shall issue requests for proposals from providers of family planning services,
14 as defined in Title 22, section 1902, subsection 4, in order to provide for the delivery of
15 mental health and behavioral health services pursuant to this section. "Licensed mental
16 health professional" means a psychiatrist, licensed psychologist, licensed clinical social
17 worker, certified social worker or licensed clinical professional counselor.

18 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
19 allocations are made.

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

21 Initiative: Provides funds for the delivery of mental health and behavioral health services
22 in reproductive and sexual health care settings.

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| 23 | | | |
| 24 | GENERAL FUND | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
| 25 | All Other | \$0 | \$150,000 |
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| 27 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL | \$0 | \$150,000 |

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill establishes a program within the Department of Health and Human Services
30 to deliver mental health and behavioral health services in clinical reproductive and sexual
31 health care settings through the deployment of licensed mental health professionals in
32 those settings and by enhancing patient screening and care coordination. It includes an
33 appropriations and allocations section with a \$150,000 annual appropriation beginning in
34 fiscal year 2020-21.