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House of Representatives, April 22, 2021

**An Act To Promote Intergovernmental Coordination Regarding
Age-friendly State Initiatives**

Received by the Clerk of the House on April 20, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond.
Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and
Representatives: SHEEHAN of Biddeford, STOVER of Boothbay, TUELL of East Machias,
WHITE of Waterville, Senators: MAXMIN of Lincoln, MOORE of Washington.

1 (4) Ensure affordable access to high-quality health coverage and health care and
2 healthy aging and supportive services to maintain independence;

3 (5) Ensure the availability of housing opportunities and home modification
4 programs;

5 (6) Promote natural resources management, outdoor spaces and recreation; and

6 (7) Increase the availability of safe and affordable transportation options and
7 alternatives to reduce social isolation, support independent living and allow adults
8 to age in their communities; and

9 B. Review and provide advice to the Governor, the Legislature and other officials of
10 State Government on state efforts across state agencies directly related to older adults
11 and aging in the State.

12 **4. Steering committee invitees.** The steering committee may invite members of a
13 stakeholder advisory group that participated in the preparation of an age-friendly state plan
14 to participate in steering committee meetings.

15 **5. Staff support.** The office of aging and disability services within the department
16 shall provide primary staff support to the steering committee. State agencies shall provide
17 additional staff support, which may include persons working as interns, as requested by the
18 steering committee.

19 **6. Funding.** The steering committee may accept funding received as contributions,
20 grants or appropriations from private and public sources to accomplish the duties of the
21 steering committee.

22 **7. Report.** By November 1, 2023 and every 2 years thereafter, the steering committee
23 shall submit a report on the steering committee's activities to the joint standing committee
24 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

25 SUMMARY

26 This bill establishes the Age-friendly State Steering Committee to promote
27 intergovernmental coordination to improve opportunities for and access to social
28 engagement, communication and information, employment, financial security, health care
29 and health coverage, housing, recreation and transportation for older residents of the State.