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House of Representatives, April 27, 2021

**An Act To Strengthen Statewide Mental Health Peer Support, Crisis
Intervention Mobile Response and Crisis Stabilization Unit Services
and To Allow E-9-1-1 To Dispatch Using the Crisis System**

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.

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

2 **PART A**

3 **Sec. A-1. Strengthen mental health peer support services.** The Department
4 of Health and Human Services shall strengthen mental health peer support services by
5 providing increased resources to the statewide crisis lines and statewide "warmlines" in
6 order to provide effective, efficient services in the least restrictive manner 24 hours a day,
7 7 days a week. The department shall work with law enforcement agencies to ensure that
8 the crisis lines and warmlines are effective resources for law enforcement officers
9 throughout the State. The department shall work with the Department of Labor to access
10 grant funding to provide training and workforce development for mental health peer
11 support specialists who provide services through crisis lines and warmlines.

12 **Sec. A-2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
13 allocations are made.

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

15 **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

16 Initiative: Provides funding for statewide crisis lines and statewide "warmlines" 24 hours a
17 day, 7 days a week to strengthen mental health peer support services.

18 GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
19 All Other	\$45,469	\$45,469
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21 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$45,469	\$45,469

22 **PART B**

23 **Sec. B-1. Strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response**
24 **services.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall strengthen mental health
25 crisis intervention mobile response services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7
26 days a week. The department shall provide for certified intentional peer support specialists
27 and recovery coaches, mental health law enforcement officer liaisons collocated in law
28 enforcement agencies and mental health professionals with crisis services expertise at
29 E-9-1-1 dispatch centers and for the addition of community debriefing and critical incident
30 response services to the existing crisis services response system. The department shall also
31 provide for ancillary services that are required components of mental health crisis
32 intervention mobile response services. The funding for these ancillary services must
33 include travel costs to and from mobile face-to-face assessments not to exceed 44¢ per
34 mile, travel time to and from mobile face-to-face assessments and reimbursement for time
35 spent on telephone conferences with clients. Beginning October 1, 2021, when a contract
36 for mental health crisis intervention mobile response services is entered into or renewed,
37 the department shall include in each contract a mechanism for cost settlement. Beginning
38 October 1, 2021, the department shall provide reimbursement for peer support services
39 provided as mental health crisis intervention mobile response services under the MaineCare
40 program.

41 **Sec. B-2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
42 allocations are made.

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

2 **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

3 Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response
4 services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and to provide funding
5 for mobile outreach peer support specialists.

6	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
7	All Other	\$808,256	\$808,256
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9	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$808,256</u>	<u>\$808,256</u>

10 **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

11 Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response
12 services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and to provide funding
13 for certified intentional peer support specialists and recovery coaches.

14	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
15	All Other	\$406,044	\$406,044
16			
17	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$406,044</u>	<u>\$406,044</u>

18 **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

19 Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response
20 services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and to provide funding
21 for mental health law enforcement officer liaisons colocated in law enforcement agencies.

22	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
23	All Other	\$554,922	\$554,922
24			
25	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$554,922</u>	<u>\$554,922</u>

26 **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

27 Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response
28 services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and to provide funding
29 for community debriefing and critical incident response services.

30	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
31	All Other	\$113,674	\$113,674
32			
33	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$113,674</u>	<u>\$113,674</u>

34 **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

35 Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response
36 services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and to provide funding
37 for mental health law enforcement officer liaisons colocated in law enforcement agencies
38 and mental health professionals with crisis services expertise at E-9-1-1 dispatch centers.

39	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
40	All Other	\$470,610	\$470,610
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42	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$470,610</u>	<u>\$470,610</u>

1 **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

2 Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response
3 services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and to provide funding
4 for ancillary services that are required components of mental health crisis intervention
5 mobile response services.

6 GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
7 All Other	\$636,575	\$636,575
8		
9 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$636,575</u>	<u>\$636,575</u>

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11 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,**
12 **DEPARTMENT OF**
13 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

14	2021-22	2022-23
15 GENERAL FUND	\$2,990,081	\$2,990,081
16		
17 DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$2,990,081</u>	<u>\$2,990,081</u>

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PART C

19 **Sec. C-1. Strengthen mental health crisis stabilization unit services.** The
20 Department of Health and Human Services shall strengthen mental health crisis
21 stabilization unit services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The
22 department shall provide for certified intentional peer support specialists and recovery
23 coaches as part of mental health crisis stabilization unit services and such other resources
24 and services as are determined to be needed in each public health district. The department
25 shall work with organizations providing mental health crisis stabilization unit services, law
26 enforcement agencies and other stakeholders to determine the resources available in each
27 public health district and the resources and services needed. Beginning October 1, 2021,
28 the department shall provide reimbursement for peer support services provided as mental
29 health crisis stabilization unit services under the MaineCare program.

30 **Sec. C-2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
31 allocations are made.

32 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
33 **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

34 Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis stabilization unit services in
35 order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and to provide funding for certified
36 intentional peer support specialists and recovery coaches as part of mental health crisis
37 stabilization unit services and other resources and services.

38 GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
39 All Other	\$1,265,753	\$1,265,753
40		
41 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,265,753</u>	<u>\$1,265,753</u>

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PART D

