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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to HP 563, LD 907, "An Act to Meet the Needs of Individuals with Severe Behavioral Health Diagnoses"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following

Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §1228 is enacted to read

§1228. Contingency fund

The department shall establish and maintain a contingency fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," to provide supplemental assistance for children and adults with severe behavioral health diagnoses when those needs are not met by other state or federal programs. The fund is nonlapsing and must be used to supplement, not supplant, other expenditures by the department to assist children and adults with severe behavioral health diagnoses

1. Funds. Money in the fund may be used by the department to assist a child or adult with a severe behavioral health diagnosis in the following ways

A To support enhanced reimbursement rates or additional staffing needs in the child's or adult's home or community;

B To fund physical accommodations that ensure the child's or adult's home is safe, or

C To address other needs identified by the child's or adult's family or providers of services that are necessary to support the child's or adult's need

2. Sources of fund; maximum expenditures. All money appropriated by the State for the purposes of the fund must be deposited into the fund Expenditures from the fund may not exceed \$100,000 in any fiscal year

3. Rulemaking. The department may adopt rules to implement this section Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

3 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
4 **Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199**

5 Initiative Provides ongoing appropriations for a contingency fund to provide supplemental
6 assistance for children and adults with severe behavioral health diagnoses when those needs
7 are not met by other state or federal programs

8 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
9 All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
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11 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$100,000	\$100,000

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13 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
14 number to read consecutively

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SUMMARY

16 This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. It requires the Department
17 of Health and Human Services to establish a contingency fund to provide supplemental
18 assistance for children and adults with severe behavioral health diagnoses when those needs
19 are not otherwise met by existing state or federal programs. The fund is a nonlapsing fund,
20 and expenditures are capped at \$100,000 per fiscal year. The funds may be used to support
21 additional staffing, enhanced reimbursement rates, physical accommodations or other
22 identified needs. Expenditures from the fund must be used to supplement, not supplant,
23 other departmental expenditures

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 907

LR 1308(02)

An Act to Meet the Needs of Individuals with Severe Behavioral Health Diagnoses

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

A (H-496)

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$100,000 beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 for a contingency fund to provide supplemental assistance for children or adults with severe behavioral health diagnoses when those needs are not met by other state or federal programs