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Resolve, to Sufficiently Staff Overnight Behavioral Health Crisis Facilities

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, MOORE of Washington, Representative: JAVNER of Chester.

- 1 Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to establish overnight behavioral health crisis facility staffing levels. Resolved: That the Department of 2 Health and Human Services shall adopt rules requiring a facility providing overnight 3 behavioral health crisis services under rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, 4 Chapter II, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, to establish staffing ratios based on a 5 clinical assessment of the acuity of the residential milieu and not fewer than: 6 7
- 1. One staff person to every 3 clients between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and
- 8 2. One staff person to every 4 clients between the hours of 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

9 Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. 10

SUMMARY

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12 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules requiring a facility providing overnight behavioral health crisis services to establish staffing 13 14 ratios based on a clinical assessment of the acuity of the residential milieu and not fewer 15 than one staff person to every 3 clients between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and one staff person to every 4 clients between the hours of 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. 16