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## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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### 131ST LEGISLATURE

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### FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 1144, L.D 1781, "An Act to Establish the Homeless Substance Use Disorder Service Program"

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Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 17-C in paragraph B in the last line (page 1, line 24 in L D ) by striking out the following "and" and inserting the following 'or'

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Amend the bill in section 2 in §20056 in the first indented paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 33 in L D ) by striking out the following "The program includes the following requirements "

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Amend the bill in section 2 in §20056 in subsection 1 in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 35 and 36 in L D ) by striking out the following "who has a history of drug overdose"

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Amend the bill in section 2 in §20056 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 38 to 41 and page 2, lines 1 to 9 in L D ) and inserting the following

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'2. Contracts; services. The department shall contract with one or more social service or health care providers for the program. The contracts must be sufficient to provide services for up to 50 participants in each geographic location designated by the department in each year. The contracts must prioritize providing services to participants who experience chronic homelessness. The contractor may subcontract with partner providers to implement portions of the program. Services provided in the program must include, but are not limited to, integrated medication-assisted treatment, inpatient treatment programs, intensive case management services, access to stable housing that facilitates recovery and independence and offers a harm reduction approach, housing assistance, recovery support services that are flexible and appropriate to the participant, peer support services, outreach services to identify and engage with potential participants, transition services for a participant recently incarcerated or hospitalized, transportation services, and any other appropriate services. Services provided to participants are individualized and flexible as appropriate to each participant's needs. A contractor shall review MaineCare program eligibility for each participant and ensure that available MaineCare program services are accessed prior to use of contract funds. Each contractor shall engage each participant in developing an individual plan to meet the needs of the participant.'

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# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill in section 2 in §20056 in subsection 3 in the last line (page 2, line 12 in  
2 L.D ) by striking out the following "described in subsection 1"

3 Amend the bill in section 2 in §20056 in subsection 4 in the 7th line (page 2, line 19 in  
4 L.D ) by striking out the following "an"

5 Amend the bill in section 2 in §20056 in subsection 4 in the 8th line (page 2, line 20 in  
6 L.D ) by striking out the following "resource" and inserting the following 'resources'

7 Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following

8 **'Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
9 allocations are made

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

12 Initiative Provides funding for the department to contract with one or more social service  
13 or health care providers to provide services for up to 50 participants in the Homeless  
14 Substance Use Disorder Service Program

15	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
16	All Other	\$1,770,458	\$1,841,276
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18	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,770,458</u>	<u>\$1,841,276</u>

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20 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,**  
21 **DEPARTMENT OF**  
22 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

23		<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
24	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$1,770,458	\$1,841,276
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26	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$1,770,458</u>	<u>\$1,841,276</u>

27 **HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

28 **Housing Assistance Fund N473**

29 Initiative Provides ongoing funds to provide stable housing for participants in the  
30 Homeless Substance Use Disorder Service Program

31	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
32	All Other	\$2,160,000	\$2,160,000
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34	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,160,000</u>	<u>\$2,160,000</u>

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36 **HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**  
37 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

38		<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
39	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$2,160,000	\$2,160,000
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41	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$2,160,000</u>	<u>\$2,160,000</u>

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SECTION TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$3,930,458	\$4,001,276
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$3,930,458	\$4,001,276

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment removes the requirement that a participant have a history of overdose. It requires contractors to review MaineCare program eligibility for each participant and ensure that MaineCare program services are utilized prior to accessing contract funds. It specifies that contracts must service 50 participants per location. It requires that contractors prioritize serving persons who experience chronic homelessness. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1781

LR 1792(02)

## An Act to Establish the Homeless Substance Use Disorder Service Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A (H-618)"

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$3,930,458	\$4,001,276	\$4,074,927	\$4,151,524
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$3,930,458	\$4,001,276	\$4,074,927	\$4,151,524

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations totaling \$3,930,458 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$4,001,276 in fiscal year 2024-25 to support the Homeless Substance Use Disorder Service Program. Of that amount, the bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services program within the Department of Health and Human Services of \$1,770,458 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$1,841,276 in fiscal year 2024-25 to contract with one or more social service or health care providers to provide services for up to 50 participants at 2 different sites, for a total of 100 participants, in the Homeless Substance Use Disorder Service Program.

The bill also includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$2,160,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 to a newly created Housing Assistance Fund within the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) for the costs associated with providing stable housing for the 100 participants in the program. The bill requires that the fund contain sufficient capital to provide all participants with 18 months of rent at fair market value based on the location of the housing. For this estimate, MSHA assumes an average fair market rate of \$1,200 per month for 18 months, or \$21,600 per participant, assuming each participant is living in a separate housing unit.