

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**131ST LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 898, L.D. 2105, "Resolve, to Protect and Enhance Access to Behavioral Health Services in Androscoggin County and Surrounding Communities"

Amend the resolve in the emergency preamble by inserting after the 7th paragraph the following:

**Whereas**, Tri-County Mental Health Services, a vital provider of community-based behavioral health services, is experiencing acute financial pressure and facing imminent closure; and

**Whereas**, Spurwink Services is positioned to acquire Tri-County Mental Health Services but requires one-time financial support to complete the acquisition; and'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the first line (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "funding" the following: 'to St. Mary's Regional Medical Center'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

**Sec. 2. Emergency funding to Spurwink Services to preserve health care access. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide a grant of emergency funding to allow Spurwink Services to acquire Tri-County Mental Health Services. Funds made available by this resolve must be disbursed no later than July 1, 2024.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

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

Initiative: Provides emergency one-time funding to St. Mary's Regional Medical Center to cover projected operating losses in the fiscal period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 and to sustain and improve acute behavioral health care services.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 898, L.D. 2105 (S614)

1	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
2	All Other	\$0	\$8,900,000
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4	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$8,900,000</u>
5	<b>Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199</b>		
6	Initiative: Provides emergency one-time funding to Spurwink Services to acquire Tri-		
7	County Mental Health Services.		
8	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
9	All Other	\$0	\$1,900,000
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11	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,900,000</u>
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13	<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,</b>		
14	<b>DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
15	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
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17	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$0	\$10,800,000
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19	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$10,800,000</u>

21 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
22 section number to read consecutively.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 The resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to provide  
25 emergency funding to cover operating losses associated with providing acute behavioral  
26 health care services provided by St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Lewiston to ensure  
27 that those services can be continued and expanded to meet urgent needs in Androscoggin  
28 County and surrounding communities while avoiding curtailment of other critically  
29 important health care services in the region. This amendment also directs the department  
30 to provide emergency funding to allow Spurwink Services to acquire Tri-County Mental  
31 Health Services. It amends the appropriations and allocations section to appropriate  
32 \$8,900,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 for St. Mary's and \$1,900,000 for Spurwink. The funds  
33 must be disbursed by July 1, 2024.

34 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
35 (See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2105

LR 2910(02)

**Resolve, to Protect and Enhance Access to Behavioral Health Services in Androscoggin County and Surrounding Communities**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (5-6-14)**  
**Committee: Health and Human Services**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$10,800,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$10,800,000	\$0	\$0

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$10,800,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 for emergency one-time funding to St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, \$8,900,000 to cover projected operating losses in the fiscal period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 and to sustain and improve acute behavioral health care services and \$1,900,000 to Spurwink Services to acquire Tri-county Mental Health Services.