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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1437, L.D. 2237, "An Act to Strengthen Public Safety, Health and Well-being by Expanding Services and Coordinating Violence Prevention Resources"

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Amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in the first line (page 1, line 17 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "the" the following: 'Public Utilities Commission, in coordination with the'

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Amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", in coordination with" and inserting the following: 'and'

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Amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in the 4th and 5th lines (page 1, lines 20 and 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Department of Health and Human Services" and inserting the following: 'Public Utilities Commission'

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Amend the bill in Part A by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

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'Sec. A-3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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Mental Health Services - Community Z198

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Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This funding must provide funding for mobile outreach peer workers.

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GENERAL FUND

2023-24

2024-25

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All Other

\$0

\$2,336,597

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GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$0

\$2,336,597

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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. This funding must		
	provide funding for certified intentional peer support specialists and recovery coaches.		
4	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
5	All Other	\$0	\$3,177,668
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7	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,177,668</u>
8	Mental Health Services - Community Z198		
9	Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response		
10	services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This funding must		
11	provide funding for mental health law enforcement liaisons through behavioral health		
12	agencies.		
13	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
14	All Other	\$0	\$11,121,837
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16	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$11,121,837</u>
17	Mental Health Services - Community Z198		
18	Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response		
19	services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This funding must		
20	provide funding for community debriefing and critical incident response.		
21	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
22	All Other	\$0	\$69,450
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24	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$69,450</u>
25	Mental Health Services - Community Z198		
26	Initiative: Provides funding to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response		
27	services in order to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This funding must		
28	provide funding for ancillary services that are required components of mental health crisis		
29	intervention mobile response services. These ancillary services include travel costs to and		
30	from mobile face-to-face assessments, not to exceed the federal per mile rate, and		
31	reimbursement for time spent on telephone conferences with the client.		
32	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
33	All Other	\$0	\$636,575
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35	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$636,575</u>
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37	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
38	DEPARTMENT OF		
39	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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41	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$17,342,127
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43	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$17,342,127</u>

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation for contracted consulting services.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$100,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$100,000

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
	\$0	\$100,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$100,000

SECTION TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$17,342,127
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$100,000
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$17,442,127

Amend the bill in Part B in section 1 in §3613 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 3, lines 9 to 14 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'2. Crisis receiving centers. The department shall establish 2 crisis receiving centers to support individuals dealing with behavioral health, mental health or substance use issues. The receiving centers must be established in Aroostook County and Penobscot County. The department shall ensure that the crisis receiving centers provide culturally sensitive trauma-informed care.'

Amend the bill in Part B by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. B-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Mental Health Services - Community Z198

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to establish 2 crisis receiving centers, one each in Aroostook and Penobscot counties.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$3,600,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$3,600,000

Mental Health Services - Community Z198

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Initiative: Provides one-time funding for additional start-up costs to establish 2 crisis receiving centers, one each in Aroostook and Penobscot counties.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$1,900,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$1,900,000

Mental Health Services - Community Z198

Initiative: Establishes one Social Services Program Manager I position and one Social Services Manager I position to handle the new crisis receiving centers.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$234,914
All Other	\$0	\$13,576
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$248,490

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

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$5,748,490
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$5,748,490

Amend the bill in Part C in section 1 in c. 256-B in §1427 in subsection 3 in the 5th line (page 4, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

Amend the bill in Part C in section 1 in c. 256-B in §1427 in subsection 3 in the 6th line (page 4, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Safety" the following: 'the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services established under Title 37-B, section 501; and the violence prevention program within the department'

Amend the bill in Part C in section 1 in c. 256-B in §1427 in subsection 3 in the last 3 lines (page 4, lines 6 to 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "The office may also collaborate with individuals, educational institutions, health care providers and organizations with expertise in violence prevention and gun safety."

Amend the bill in Part C in section 1 in c. 256-B in §1427 in subsection 5 by inserting after paragraph D the following:

'E. By February 1, 2027, the department shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters a report that includes the following:

(1) Information regarding the number of grants awarded and the amount of funding provided to each grant recipient;

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- 1 (2) A description of violence intervention initiatives funded, including the number
- 2 of individuals served and the communities served by each funded initiative; and
- 3 (3) Recommendations regarding the continuation of the grant program and
- 4 recommendations for any changes to the program.

5 F. This subsection is repealed June 30, 2027.'

6 Amend the bill in Part C in section 1 in c. 256-B in §1427 by striking out all of

7 subsection 7 (page 6, lines 6 to 9 in L.D.).

8 Amend the bill in Part C in section 1 in c. 256-B in §1427 by renumbering the

9 subsections to read consecutively.

10 Amend the bill in Part C by inserting after section 1 the following:

11 '**Sec. C-2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and

12 allocations are made.

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

14 **Office of Violence Prevention N490**

15 Initiative: Establishes one Director position, one Health Program Manager position, one

16 Public Health Education III position, one Epidemiologist position, one Comprehensive

17 Health Planner II position and one Planning and Research Associate I position in the Office

18 of Violence Prevention, General Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

19 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
20 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	6.000
21 Personal Services	\$0	\$674,725
22 All Other	\$0	\$40,728
23		
24 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$715,453

25 **Office of Violence Prevention N490**

26 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for annual outreach and educational materials.

27 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
28 All Other	\$0	\$500,000
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30 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$500,000

31 **Office of Violence Prevention N490**

32 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for annual grants to communities.

33 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
34 All Other	\$0	\$6,000,000
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36 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$6,000,000

37 **Office of Violence Prevention N490**

38 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for required technology changes.

39 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
40 All Other	\$0	\$1,000,000

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3	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,000,000
4	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
5	DEPARTMENT OF		
6	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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8	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$8,215,453
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10	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$8,215,453

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12 Amend the bill in Part D by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

13 '**Sec. D-1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
14 allocations are made.

15 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
16 **Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

17 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to reduce waiting lists for and expand access to
18 medication management services provided by the Office of Behavioral Health that are
19 similar to the services provided under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare
20 Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, to meet the timely
21 access requirements under the consent decree referenced in the Maine Revised Statutes,
22 Title 34-B, section 1217. Medication management services include telehealth services and
23 employee recruitment and retention incentives.

24	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
25	All Other	\$0	\$6,000,000
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27	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$6,000,000

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29 Amend the bill in Part E by inserting after section 1 the following:

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

32 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**
33 **Licensing and Enforcement - Public Safety 0712**

34 Initiative: Provides funding for one State Police Lieutenant position, one State Police
35 Sergeant position, 2 State Police Detective positions, one Management Analyst I position
36 and related costs to develop, create and distribute suicide prevention educational materials
37 and develop and maintain procedures to notify the public of active shooter situations.

38	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
39	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	5.000
40	Personal Services	\$0	\$643,016
41	All Other	\$0	\$83,980

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GENERAL FUND TOTAL _____ \$0 _____ \$726,996

Amend the bill in Part F by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

Sec. F-1. Law enforcement alerts to public. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall develop and implement procedures to notify the public of active shooter situations. The procedures must include procedures for notifying the deaf and hard-of-hearing community.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment makes the following changes to the requirements in the bill.

1. It makes the Public Utilities Commission primarily responsible for coordination of the E-9-1-1 and 9-8-8 systems.

2. It changes the requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to establish 6 crisis receiving centers to a requirement to establish 2 crisis receiving centers, one in Aroostook County and one in Penobscot County.

3. It adds the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services and the violence prevention program within the Department of Health and Human Services to the list of entities with which the Office of Violence Prevention may collaborate.

4. It strikes language authorizing the Office of Violence Prevention to collaborate with individuals, educational institutions, health care providers and organizations with expertise in violence prevention and gun safety.

5. It requires, by February 1, 2027, the Department of Health and Human Services to submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters a report that includes information regarding the number of grants awarded under the grant program to organizations to conduct violence intervention initiatives and the amount of funding provided to each grantee; a description of violence intervention initiatives funded, including the number of individuals served and the communities served by each funded initiative; and recommendations regarding the continuation of the grant program and recommendations for any changes to the program.

6. It repeals the grant program within the Office of Violence Prevention on June 30, 2027.

7. It strikes language providing that the Office of Violence Prevention may receive funding from any source and requiring the office to identify and apply for available federal grants and other funding to further its work to prevent violence.

8. It clarifies that the funding to reduce waiting lists for and expand access to medication management services provided by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health is ongoing funding.



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LD 2237

LR 2985(02)

An Act to Strengthen Public Safety, Health and Well-being by Expanding Services and Coordinating Violence Prevention Resources

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-840)

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
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$38,033,066	\$35,185,913	\$35,234,424
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$38,033,066	\$35,185,913	\$35,234,424
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Part A of this bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) of \$17,342,127 in fiscal year 2024-25 to strengthen mental health crisis intervention mobile response services with mobile outreach peer workers, certified intentional peer support specialists, recovery coaches, mental health police liaisons co-located in law enforcement agencies, community debriefing, critical incident response and for ancillary services. This funding is intended to provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The bill also includes a one-time allocation of \$100,000 to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in fiscal 2024-25 for contracted consulting services to coordinate the 911 and 988 systems and to prepare reporting on the status of the coordination efforts. The PUC has indicated that it has sufficient reserves in its unobligated funds to fund the allocation.

Part B of the bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to the DHHS of \$3,848,490 in fiscal year 2024-25 to establish 2 crisis receiving centers, one in Aroostook County and one in Penobscot County. Part B also includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,900,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 for the additional start-up costs for the 2 new crisis receiving centers.

Part C of the bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to the DHHS of \$7,215,453 in fiscal year 2024-25 to create a new Office of Violence Prevention within the DHHS. The part also includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 for the required technology changes.

C" A" (H-840)

Part D of the bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to the DHHS of \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 to reduce waiting lists for and expand access to medication management services.

Part E of the bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$726,996 in fiscal year 2024-25 to the Department of Public Safety for one State Police Lieutenant position, one State Police Sergeant position, 2 State Police Detective positions, one Management Analyst I position and related costs to develop, create and distribute suicide prevention educational materials and develop and maintain procedures to notify the public of active shooter situations.

Any additional costs to state agencies and programs associated with collaborating with the Office of Violence Prevention are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budget resources.