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S.P. 149

In Senate, February 7, 2017

**An Act To Coordinate Services and Support Workforce
Development for Substance Use Disorder Prevention and Peer
Recovery Services**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland and
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ESPLING of
New Gloucester, MALABY of Hancock, O'NEIL of Saco, STEWART of Presque Isle,
TIPPING of Orono, TUELL of East Machias.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

PART A

Sec. A-1. Department of Health and Human Services; funding for substance use disorder treatment and prevention. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide funding, through the request for proposals process set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 155, to an organization with experience in substance use disorder prevention, treatment and peer recovery. The request for proposals must include provisions that require proposals to provide for an individual trained as a trainer for peer recovery coaches to be the statewide coordinator of peer recovery support services for substance use disorder recovery and a certified prevention specialist or provisional prevention specialist to be the statewide coordinator of substance use disorder prevention, advocacy, education and community outreach. The request for proposals must be issued no later than January 1, 2018 to award funding beginning no later than July 1, 2018.

PART B

Sec. B-1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY BDS)

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services 0679

Initiative: Provides funding for a request for proposals for statewide coordination of substance use disorder education, advocacy, prevention, treatment and peer recovery.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$185,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$185,000</u>

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services 0679

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for an annual in-state conference regarding substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery and offering continuing education units.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$7,500	\$7,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,500</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>

1	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
2	DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY BDS)		
3	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
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5	GENERAL FUND	\$7,500	\$192,500
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7	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$7,500	\$192,500

8 **PART C**

9 **Sec. C-1. Transfer of funds.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
10 State Controller shall transfer to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund \$7,500
11 no later than June 30, 2018 and \$192,500 no later than June 30, 2019 from the Medical
12 Use of Marijuana Fund, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2430.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 Part A of this bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to fund,
15 through a request for proposals, a position to coordinate substance use disorder
16 prevention, advocacy, education and community outreach statewide and a position to
17 coordinate peer recovery support services efforts for substance use disorder recovery
18 statewide. The request for proposals must be issued no later than January 1, 2018 and the
19 funds awarded beginning no later than July 1, 2018.

20 Part B of this bill provides funding for the request for proposals in Part A. Part B
21 also provides ongoing funding for an annual in-state conference regarding substance use
22 disorder prevention, treatment and recovery.

23 Part C of this bill requires the transfer of funds to the unappropriated surplus of the
24 General Fund from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund for the purposes of this bill.