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House of Representatives, March 30, 2021

An Act To Require County Governments To Coordinate with Municipalities To Create Plans To Address Homelessness

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative SUPICA of Bangor. Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and

Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln.

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §109 is enacted to read:

§109. Homelessness plan and protocols

The county commissioners shall develop a county plan, in consultation and coordination with the Statewide Homeless Council under section 5046, regional homeless councils and the municipalities in the county, to address homelessness within the county and establish protocols to implement the plan. The plan's purpose is to provide guidance to the municipalities and the residents of the municipalities to assist persons suffering from homelessness and to prevent persons from becoming homeless. The plan must detail the issues and nature of homelessness specific to the county, the resources available to address these issues and the steps necessary to further the plan's purpose. The plan must be provided to the municipalities, be published and be made publicly available.

13 SUMMARY

This bill requires the county commissioners of each county, in consultation and coordination with the Statewide Homeless Council, regional homeless councils and the municipalities in the county, to develop and implement a plan with protocols to address homelessness within the county.