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Resolve, To Provide for Outreach Programs To Assist Women at Risk of Giving Birth to Substance-exposed Infants

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

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARSON of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Representatives: McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, TEPLER of Topsham.

Sec. 1. Outreach and educational programs. **Resolved:** That the 1 2 Department of Health and Human Services shall contract with a community-based nonprofit organization to develop outreach and educational programs regarding 3 reproductive and sexual health care for women and adolescents at highest risk of 4 experiencing an unintended pregnancy. All programming must emphasize the right to 5 individual self-determination regarding family planning and childbearing. Programming 6 must be targeted to women and adolescents who are: 7

- 8 1. Experiencing substance use disorder;
- 9 2. Experiencing homelessness;

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- 10 3. Involved in the correctional system; or
- 11 4. Experiencing other circumstances that indicate a need for family planning 12 services.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following
appropriations and allocations are made.

15 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

16 Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

17 Initiative: Provides an appropriation for a contract with an entity to develop outreach and 18 educational programs regarding reproductive and sexual health care for women and 19 adolescents at highest risk of experiencing an unintended pregnancy with a focus on 20 women in danger of giving birth to a substance-exposed infant.

21	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
22	All Other	\$160,000	\$160,000
23 24	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$160,000	\$160,000

SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with 26 27 a community-based nonprofit organization to develop outreach and educational programs regarding reproductive and sexual health care for women and adolescents at highest risk 28 of experiencing an unintended pregnancy. The programming must emphasize the right to 29 individual self-determination regarding family planning and childbearing and be targeted 30 to women and adolescents experiencing substance use disorder, homelessness or other 31 circumstances that indicate a need for family planning services or who are involved in the 32 correctional system. 33