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**An Act to Improve Family Team Meetings in Child Welfare Cases
to Ensure Better Outcomes for Children by Providing Adequate
Funding**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to enact measures to improve family team meetings in child welfare
6 cases to ensure better outcomes for children by providing adequate funding to support the
7 full implementation of family team meetings, including neutral facilitation at critical case
8 points and training and coaching for all staff.