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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 712, L.D. 1116, “An Act to Provide Rural Sober Living Housing for Mothers”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Provide Rural Recovery Residences for Families'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20058 is enacted to read:

§20058. Rural recovery residences for families

1. Recovery residences for families. The Maine State Housing Authority shall make funds available for the acquisition of land or real property to support the creation of certified recovery residences under sections 20054 and 20057 that provide services to parents or guardians recovering from substance use disorder and their minor children.

2. Location. The land or real property acquired under this section must be located in counties with a county seat of no more than 35,000 residents and must be in close proximity to public transportation or transportation must be provided to residents of the rural recovery residences.

3. Services. A rural recovery residence under this section must provide the following:

- A. Recovery support services based on the needs of each resident; and**
- B. Support for reunification services with minor children based on the needs of each resident.**

4. Staffing. Staff employed by a rural recovery residence under this section must be paid at least livable wages, as defined in Title 26, section 1-A.

5. Fund. The Rural Recovery Residence Fund is established as a nonlapsing fund to receive funds to support the land or real property acquisition, construction, renovation and activities described in this section. The Maine State Housing Authority shall distribute funds through a competitive bid process to grantees.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

