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In Senate, February 2, 2017

An Act To Create a County Jail Drug Rehabilitation and Treatment Grant Program

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative GROHMAN of Biddeford and
Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: GERRISH of
Lebanon, NADEAU of Winslow, O'NEIL of Saco.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1219** is enacted to read:

3 **§1219. County Jail Drug Rehabilitation and Treatment Grant Program**

4 There is established the County Jail Drug Rehabilitation and Treatment Grant
5 Program, referred to in this section as "the grant program," to provide state funding in the
6 form of grants for the creation of drug rehabilitation and treatment programs or facilities
7 attached to or affiliated with county jails or regional jails. Drug rehabilitation and
8 treatment programs and facilities, to qualify for funding, must provide evidence-based
9 rehabilitation and treatment, which may include, but is not limited to, detoxification
10 services, medication-assisted treatment, clinical treatment, medical services, faith-based
11 treatment, peer support, family support, self-care, recovery coaching and support services
12 and educational services. A facility or program may be residential or provide outpatient
13 or community-based services.

14 **1. Advice.** The department shall seek the advice of a statewide association of county
15 commissioners and a statewide association of sheriffs in designing the grant program,
16 adopting standards for awarding grants and periodically reviewing the effectiveness of
17 the grant program.

18 **2. Availability.** The grant program is available to provide partial funding to eligible
19 counties that are planning to affiliate with or build or convert a portion of county or
20 regional jails or jail facilities for use as short-term or long-term residential drug
21 rehabilitation and treatment facilities or programs or other county-based solutions to drug
22 addiction within the scope of the grant.

23 **3. Awards; grading standards; priority list.** The department shall adopt grading
24 standards for awarding grants that require county funding contributions to the drug
25 rehabilitation and treatment facility or program of at least 50% of the cost, that take into
26 consideration the level of support within the county for the facility or program and the
27 level of county funding committed to the facility or program and that take into
28 consideration the level of need in the county for a drug rehabilitation and treatment
29 facility or program. The grading standards must give priority to a county that
30 demonstrates a commitment to increasing the financial contributions of that county over
31 time. The department shall compile a list of eligible counties that reflects priorities
32 derived from the grading standards. The department shall update the standards and list of
33 eligible counties as needed for the administration of the grant program.

34 **4. Funding.** The department shall accept funding from state, federal and community
35 sources, including, but not limited to, private funding, to fund the grant program through
36 the County Jail Drug Rehabilitation and Treatment Grant Program Dedicated Fund,
37 which is established as a dedicated fund within the department. Funds of the County Jail
38 Drug Rehabilitation and Treatment Grant Program Dedicated Fund do not lapse at the
39 end of the fiscal year but carry forward to the next fiscal year. Notwithstanding any
40 provision of law to the contrary, funds remaining and unencumbered at the end of a state
41 fiscal year in any account of the department lapse on the first day of the new fiscal year to
42 the County Jail Drug Rehabilitation and Treatment Grant Program Dedicated Fund.

