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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 13, L.D. 47, “An Act To Fund the State's Free Health Clinics”

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

**'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants to the State's free health clinics.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide the funds appropriated in section 3 to the State's free health clinics by establishing a grant process in order to distribute the funds as quickly as possible. In issuing the grants, the department shall develop the criteria to be met by a free health clinic, including, but not limited to, the population that would be able to be served with grant funding. As a condition of receiving grant funding, a free health clinic must, no later than December 15, 2021, report to the department information about how the grant funding would be used by the clinic.

**Sec. 2. Report from the Department of Health and Human Services on funding of the State's free health clinics.** The Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2022 with information on which clinics were awarded funds under this Act, how much each clinic received and how the grant funding was used by the clinics. Following receipt of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF  
Purchased Social Services 0228**

Initiative: Provides one-time grant funding for the State's free health clinics.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1	All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
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3	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>

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5 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
6 number to read consecutively.

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**SUMMARY**

8 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, clarifies that the  
9 Department of Health and Human Services is required to provide the funding to the State's  
10 free health clinics through a grant process. It provides that, as a condition of receiving  
11 grant funding, a free health clinic must, no later than December 15, 2021, report to the  
12 Department of Health and Human Services information about how the grant funding would  
13 be used by the clinic. It also provides that the Commissioner of Health and Human Services  
14 is required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no  
15 later than January 15, 2022 with information on which clinics were awarded funds, how  
16 much each clinic received and how the grant funding was used by the clinics. The Joint  
17 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services is authorized to submit legislation  
18 relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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**(See attached)**