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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 239, L.D. 315, Bill, “An Act To Promote Healthy Living in Maine”

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

'Resolve, To Promote Healthy Living in Maine'

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

'Sec. 1. Evidence-based program to support the State's older adults.

Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a 2-year program designed to support and improve the health and well-being of the State's older adults and reduce health care treatment costs by preventing disease, injury and falls. In order to implement this program, the department shall contract with one or more community-based organizations that have a demonstrated ability to deliver evidence-based programs to serve older adults statewide, especially in rural, underserved and unserved areas of the State. To be awarded a contract, a community-based organization must have:

1. An established network of program venues and facilitators statewide to enable it to provide increased access to programming if it is awarded a contract;

2. A demonstrated ability to ensure program fidelity and quality in order to achieve expected health outcomes;

3. A demonstrated ability to receive program referrals from the community and health care providers;

4. A demonstrated ability to enroll older adults into its programs by telephonic and electronic means;

5. A demonstrated ability to collect, track and share data; and

6. A sustainability plan for the conclusion of the contract to ensure the continued provision of statewide, evidence-based programs to serve older adults.

To qualify as an evidence-based program under this section, the program must have demonstrated through evaluation or experimental or quasi-experimental design its effectiveness in improving health outcomes and the well-being of older adults; research on the program's effectiveness must have been published in a peer-reviewed journal; the program must be currently used in one or more locations in the community; and information about the program must be available to the public.

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

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140

Initiative: Appropriates one-time funding to contract for evidence-based programs that support and improve the health and well-being of the State's older adults and reduce health care treatment costs by preventing disease, injury and falls.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$282,000	\$282,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$282,000	\$282,000

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a 2-year program designed to support and improve the health and well-being of the State's older adults and reduce health care treatment costs by preventing disease, injury and falls. It directs the department to contract for the implementation of this program with one or more community-based organizations that have a demonstrated ability to deliver evidence-based programs to serve older adults statewide, especially in rural, underserved and unserved areas of the State. The amendment describes the criteria that a community-based organization must meet in order to be awarded a contract. It also changes the appropriations and allocations section to indicate that it is one-time funding.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)