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House of Representatives, March 8, 2012

**An Act Regarding the Fund for a Healthy Maine's Prevention,
Education and Treatment Activities Concerning Unhealthy Weight
and Obesity**

Reported by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland for the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Order, H.P. 1355.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1511, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. III, §3, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **6. Health promotion purposes.** Allocations are limited to the following ~~health-~~
5 related prevention and health promotion purposes:

6 A. Smoking prevention, cessation and control activities, including, but not limited to,
7 reducing smoking among the children of the State;

8 A-1. Prevention, education and treatment activities concerning unhealthy weight and
9 obesity;

10 B. Prenatal and young children's care including home visits and support for parents
11 of children from birth to 6 years of age;

12 C. Child care for children up to 15 years of age, including after-school care;

13 D. Health care for children and adults, maximizing to the extent possible federal
14 matching funds;

15 E. Prescription drugs for adults who are elderly or disabled, maximizing to the extent
16 possible federal matching funds;

17 F. Dental and oral health care to low-income persons who lack adequate dental
18 coverage;

19 G. Substance abuse prevention and treatment; and

20 H. Comprehensive school health and nutrition programs, including school-based
21 health centers.

22 **Sec. 2. Review and report.** The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial
23 Services shall review the program structure for the programs of the Fund for a Healthy
24 Maine, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1511, and
25 recommend a new program structure, including a prevention, education and treatment
26 program concerning unhealthy weight and obesity, to be used in the state budget
27 beginning in fiscal year 2014-15. The new program structure must include funding for
28 prevention, education and treatment activities concerning unhealthy weight and obesity in
29 the funding provided from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for these purposes under other
30 existing programs. By October 1, 2012, the commissioner shall report on the review and
31 recommendations under this section to the Legislature.

32 **SUMMARY**

33 This bill proposes changes to the Fund for a Healthy Maine as recommended by the
34 Commission To Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine established pursuant
35 to Resolve 2011, chapter 112. It adds prevention, education and treatment activities
36 concerning unhealthy weight and obesity to the health promotion purposes of the fund. It
37 requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to review the
38 program structure for the programs of the fund and to recommend a new program

1 structure, including a program for prevention, education and treatment activities
2 concerning unhealthy weight and obesity, to be used in the state budget beginning in
3 fiscal year 2014-15. It directs the commissioner to report to the Legislature on the review
4 and recommendations by October 1, 2012.