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In Senate, January 29, 2019

An Act Regarding the Substance Use Disorder Continuum of Care

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell and
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DILL of Penobscot, DOW of Lincoln, VITELLI of
Sagadahoc, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland,
SCHNECK of Bangor, TIPPING of Orono.

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

2	CONCEPT DRAFT
3	SUMMARY
4	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.
5 6 7	This bill proposes to provide support for persons with substance use disorder along a continuum of care that includes prevention, law enforcement diversion, treatment, harm reduction and recovery. The bill proposes to provide:
8 9 10	1. Funding for programs that reduce the use of marijuana and so-called "vaping" by youth in Maine in order to reduce the likelihood of neural pathway changes that can lead to addiction later in life;
11	2. Ongoing support for detoxification as a path to recovery;
12	3. Reimbursement under the MaineCare program for substance use disorder peer recovery coaches;
14	4. Funding to the Bangor Area Recovery Network for addiction recovery support;
15 16	5. Support for regional 2-1-1 hotlines to offer referrals to persons with substance use disorder for local services; and
17 18	6. Access to evidence-based approaches to prevent substance use and treat substance use disorder in rural areas.