An Act To Strengthen Maine's Public Health Infrastructure

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

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.
Cosponsored by Senator CARSON of Cumberland and
Representatives: BRENnan of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook,
HEPLER of Woolwich, MEYER of Eliot, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, MOORE of
Washington.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

CONCEPT DRAFT

SUMMARY

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to enact measures designed to strengthen the State's public health infrastructure by:

1. Identifying community-level geographic regions where essential public health services, including competent and qualified comprehensive community health coalitions, can be funded equitably;

2. Ensuring that basic and essential public health services be delivered in each public health district and tribal health district;

3. Identifying emerging nonclinical public health workers, including community health workers, community paramedics, recovery coaches and resiliency coaches, who can strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of public health service delivery;

4. Facilitating, when possible, the integration and collaboration of public and private public health professionals with public safety professionals and emergency preparedness professionals; and

5. Enabling the operation of public health professionals, public safety professionals and emergency preparedness professionals as a cohesive and coordinated public health team to improve the visibility and understanding of public health among Maine children and adults.