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FISCAL NOTE

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S.302 An act relating to establishing a mental health mobile response unit pilot program in Rutland County

As passed by the Senate Committee and Health and Welfare

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The bill proposes to establish and fund a mental health mobile response unit pilot program in Rutland County. The bill appropriates \$400,000.00 in FY 2021 to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to pay for program staff and services that support direct, in-person responses to family crises, such as interventions for children or youths and their families, before emotional and behavioral difficulties escalate.

Fiscal Impact: *The bill appropriates \$400,000.00 in FY 2021.*

Note: The Governor's FY 2021 budget recommendation proposes \$600,000.00 for this program.