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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1811, L.D. 1796, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Ensure Consistency in State and Federal Laws  
Concerning Job Opportunities for Welfare Recipients."

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the  
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3772, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1981,  
c. 512, §16 is repealed.

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Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3772, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1981,  
c. 512, §16, is amended to read:

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4. Registrant. "Registrant" means an applicant or  
recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent Children under  
the United States Social Security Act, Title IV (A) who has  
registered with the Department of Manpower Affairs for man-  
power services, training and employment under the Work  
Incentive Program or the Work Incentive Demonstration Pro-  
gram pursuant to the United States Social Security Act,  
Title IV (C).

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Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3776, sub-§3, ~~¶¶~~A and B, as enacted  
by PL 1981, c. 512, §16, are amended to read:

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A. The assessment procedure for each registrant shall  
be accomplished through direct personal contact with  
representatives of the Department of Human Services and  
the Department of Manpower Affairs staff of the Work  
Incentive Program or the Work Incentive Demonstration  
Program. Both departments The staff shall be advised  
by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services  
of all available education and training opportunities,  
and shall make that information available to each  
registrant during the assessment process.

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B. The registrant shall participate fully in the  
assessment process and shall have the option of

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2 requesting a joint appraisal interview or individual  
3 meeting with department representatives. If sequential  
4 interviews are selected, they shall normally occur  
5 within 5 working days, unless postponement is requested  
6 by the registrant.

7 Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §3776, sub-§4 and 5, as enacted by PL  
8 1981, c. 512, §16, are amended to read:

9 4. Employability plan. The Department of Manpower  
10 Affairs shall develop, in conjunction with the Department of  
11 Human Services and the Department of Educational and Cul-  
12 tural Services and the Work Incentive Program registrant,  
13 There shall be an employability plan that sets forth the  
14 individual's registrant's occupational goal, and the man-  
15 power and supportive services necessary to reach that goal,  
16 and . The plan shall be designed to lead to employment and  
17 ultimately to self support. Final approval of the employ-  
18 ability plan rests with the Department of Manpower Affairs.  
19 The registrant shall participate fully in the development of  
20 the plan. Resources of the Department of Human Services,  
21 Department of Labor and the Department of Educational and  
22 Cultural Services shall be utilized in the development and  
23 goals of the plan.

24 5. Supportive services. The Department of Manpower  
25 Affairs and the Department of Human Services shall provide  
26 each Work Incentive Program participant with Each registrant  
27 shall receive the supportive and manpower services necessary  
28 to participate successfully in any education, training and  
29 employment program in accordance with the participant's  
30 registrant's employability plan.

31 Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §3776, sub-§6, first sentence, as  
32 enacted by PL 1981, c. 512, §16, is amended to read:

33 In the development of the employability plan, the Department  
34 of Manpower Affairs shall consider all available education  
35 and training opportunities, including, but not limited to,  
36 opportunities available through the use of funds other than  
37 those available under the Work Incentive Program shall be  
38 considered.

39 Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §3778 is enacted to read:

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2 §3778 Work Incentive Demonstration Program

3 The Commissioner of Human Services may implement a Work  
4 Incentive Demonstration Program under the United States  
5 Social Security Act, Title IV-C, Section 445, consistent  
6 with the requirements and intent of this chapter. No provi-  
7 sion of this chapter may prevent the Department of Human  
8 Services from serving as the single state agency required  
9 under the United States Social Security Act, Title IV-C,  
10 Section 445 (b) (1) (A) of the federal law to administer the  
11 Work Incentive Demonstration Program.

12 The committee shall evaluate and report to the 111th  
13 Legislature on or before January 1, 1984, the extent to  
14 which the Work Incentive Demonstration Program has carried  
15 out this chapter.

16 This section is repealed October 1, 1984.'

17 STATEMENT OF FACT

18 This amendment affects the language of the current law.  
19 For example, in the definitions, the amendment removes  
20 references to the Department of Manpower Affairs, now the  
21 Department of Labor, and the Department of Human Services  
22 and instead refers to the staff of the Work Incentive Pro-  
23 gram. This amendment also adds language clarifying that the  
24 registrant will participate fully in development of the plan  
25 for employment. The interdepartmental cooperation among the  
26 Department of Human Services, Department of Labor and the  
27 Department of Educational and Cultural Services is retained.

28 This amendment is necessary to ensure that state law is  
29 consistent with the language of the federal law which  
30 authorized the Work Incentive Demonstration Program, by  
31 making the Department of Human Services the state agency  
32 with the responsibility for the program.

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