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House of Representatives, March 12, 2014

An Act To Require a Work Search for Job-ready Applicants for Benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program

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

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Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3762, sub-§21 is enacted to read:
3	21. Work search requirement. Before TANF assistance may be granted to an
4	applicant by the department, the applicant, if job ready as determined by the department,
5	must apply in writing for 3 separate advertised jobs and produce verifiable documentation
6	to the department of the applications. To satisfy this work search requirement, the job
7	applications may be submitted at any time from one week prior to the date of the
8	application to the department for TANF assistance to 2 weeks following that date.
9	SUMMARY
10	This bill creates a work search requirement for job-ready applicants to the Temporary
11	Assistance for Needy Families program.

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