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Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Evaluate the Municipal General Assistance Program Database

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Presented by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford. Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, HAGGAN of Hampden, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, QUINT of Hodgdon. 1 Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate municipal 2 general assistance program database. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall evaluate the feasibility of upgrading the database for the general 3 assistance program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 4323, subsection 6 4 to allow the determination of whether a general assistance program applicant who is 5 6 disqualified is seeking assistance in another municipality. If the department determines that the current database cannot be upgraded, the department shall research a suitable 7 8 replacement database that fulfills the criterion in this section.

9 Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by December 3, 2025, the Department of Health 10 and Human Services shall issue a report on the evaluation required in section 1 that includes 11 a timeline for implementation of the upgrade or new database. The department shall issue 12 the report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, which may 13 report out a bill based upon the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd 14 Legislature.

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SUMMARY

16 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a report to 17 the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on an evaluation of the 18 feasibility of upgrading the database for the municipal general assistance program to allow 19 the determination of whether a disqualified applicant is seeking assistance in another 20 municipality. If the department determines that the current database cannot be upgraded, 21 the department is to research a suitable replacement database that fulfills the criterion. The 22 department is directed to provide the committee a timeline for implementation of the 23 upgrade or new database.