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MAJORITY

HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 751, L.D. 1910, "An Act to Strengthen Housing Stability Services by Increasing Support and Outreach"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the State continues to face unprecedented homelessness; and

Whereas, Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part AAAA established the Housing First Program to facilitate the delivery of support and stabilization services to persons experiencing chronic homelessness in the State; and

Whereas, among the services allowed through the Housing First Program were housing stability services that provide outreach to persons experiencing chronic homelessness for purposes of establishing connections and providing support that may result in securing stable housing; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 20-A, subsection 4, paragraph A requires the Department of Health and Human Services to annually deposit \$1,000,000 in the fund to support the Housing First Program to provide housing stability services, and the department has not yet contracted for those services to be provided; and

Whereas, continued delays in delivery of help to persons experiencing chronic homelessness creates unnecessary hardships for not only the person but the person's community; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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'Sec. 4. Department of Health and Human Services; report. By September 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development with details on the delivery of housing stability support services required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 20-A and the requests for proposals required in sections 2 and 3 of this Act. The committee is authorized to report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Housing First Program Z374**

Initiative: Provides funding to contract with community-based nonprofit organizations to hire 9 outreach caseworkers.

GENERAL FUND		2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$800,000	\$800,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		<u>\$800,000</u>	<u>\$800,000</u>

Housing First Program Z374

Initiative: Provides funding to contract with community-based nonprofit organizations to hire 9 housing stability workers.

GENERAL FUND		2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$900,000	\$900,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		<u>\$900,000</u>	<u>\$900,000</u>

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

		2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND		\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS		<u>\$1,700,000</u>	<u>\$1,700,000</u>

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

ROFS

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 751, L.D. 1910 (S-322)

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill. It adds a requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development by September 1, 2025, with details on the delivery of housing stability support services required by the Housing First Program and the requests for proposals process required by this legislation. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. The amendment also replaces the appropriations and allocations section to correct a program name and number.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1910****LR 2394(02)****An Act to Strengthen Housing Stability Services by Increasing Support and Outreach****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (5-322)****Committee: Housing and Economic Development****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes ongoing annual General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$1,700,000 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 to contract with community-based nonprofit organizations to hire 9 outreach caseworkers and 9 housing stability workers.