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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A" to H.P. 1268, L.D. 1496, Bill, "AN ACT
Authorizing Expenditures for Health Care Alternatives."

Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out everything after
the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

'The department is authorized and empowered to make all necessary rules and regulations, consistent with the laws of this State, for the administration of these programs including, but not limited to, establishing conditions of eligibility and types and amounts of aid to be provided and defining the term "medically indigent," and the type of medical care to be provided. In administering programs of aid, the department shall, among other services, emphasize developing and providing financial support for preventive health care and home health care in order to assure that a comprehensive range of health care services is available to Maine citizens. Preventive health services shall include, but need not be limited to, programs such as early periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment; public school nursing services; child and maternal health services; and dental health education services. To meet the expenses of emphasizing preventive health care and home health care, the department is authorized to expend for each type of care no less than 1.5% of the total sum of all funds available to administer medical

or remedial care and services eligible for participation under the United States Social Security Act, Title XIX and amendments and successors to it.

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Report. The Department of Human Services shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services, prior to February 1, 1978, which identifies the programs of home health care and preventive health for which funds have been provided under this Act, and the amounts of money expended on each individual program, and which includes an assessment of the impact of these expenditures.'

Further amend the bill by renumbering section 3 to be section 4.

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Clarify the meaning of the term "preventive health care;"
and

2. Require a report from the department to the Legislature on the expenditure of funds on home health and preventive health care.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

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