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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 1325, L.D. 1642, Bill,
"AN ACT to Require Housing Authorities and Other Agencies to
Submit Annual Reports about Housing Programs."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and
inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT to Require Housing Authorities and Other Agencies
to Submit Annual Data about Housing Programs.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'5 MRSA §3306-A is enacted to read:

§ 3306-A. Housing data reports

1. Intent and purpose. It is the intent of the Legislature to promote the development of coordinated policies, programs and services in order to address more adequately the basic housing needs of the people of the State of Maine. It is the purpose of this section to encourage such coordination by ensuring that the Governor and the Legislature are periodically informed about the various types of housing programs conducted and services provided in the State to meet such needs.

2. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following words shall have the following meanings.

A. The word "corporation" means any private non profit housing development corporation operating in the State;

B. The words "housing programs and services" mean any of the following activities:

- (1) Financing of single and multi-family homes;
- (2) The provision of home repair loans or grants;
- (3) The provision of home counseling and housing advocacy services;
- (4) The provision of direct services, such as home repairs and weatherization;
- (5) Tenant-landlord mediation;
- (6) The provision of rent supplements;
- (7) Planning for current and prospective housing needs; and
- (8) Management of ~~Rental~~ Housing.

C. The word "instrumentality" means a department, agency, board, commission, authority or other instrumentality of the State; or an authority, commission or other instrumentality of a municipality or municipalities which conducts or provides any of the housing programs and services specified in paragraph

B.

3. Annual data required. Each instrumentality and each corporation shall prepare and submit to the State Planning Office data concerning its housing programs and services not later than October 15th of every year. Each of these instrumentalities and corporations shall prepare data according to the format developed by the State Planning Office. The State Planning Office shall develop the format in consultation with a Housing Data Advisory Group comprised of a representative of each of the following: The Maine State Housing Authority, local housing authorities, private non profit housing development corporations, municipal instrumentalities, and other state instrumentalities as specified in Paragraph C.

4. Contents of reports. Each report submitted pursuant to subsection 3 shall include such information as the State Planning Office, in consultation with the Housing Data Advisory Group, finds necessary to carry out the purposes of this section. Such information may include:

A. Reference to the authorizing statutes and rules, a description of the responsible organizational unit within the instrumentality or corporation, a description^{of} programs and services and a summary of objectives;

B. Financial statement for the latest fiscal year ended prior to the date of submission of the annual data. For the purposes of this paragraph the word "year" shall, where possible, mean a fiscal year ending June 30th;

C. A statement of needs and objectives for each housing program; and

D. A statement of achievement in meeting needs and objectives.

5. State Planning Office. In addition to the other powers designated under this chapter, the State Planning Office shall have the authority to take actions pursuant to the purposes of this section, which are necessary to ensure that the Governor and Legislature are provided with information about housing programs and services in the State. This office shall carry out the following responsibilities.

A. The office shall design a format for the reporting of information by instrumentalities and corporations pursuant to subsection 3.

B. The office shall provide copies of the format to each instrumentality required to submit a report under subsection 3 not later than March 15th of every year.

C. The office shall prepare a comprehensive report of statewide housing programs and services and shall submit this report to the Governor and the Legislature not later than January 15th of every year. This comprehensive

report shall include at least the following information:

(1) A summary and evaluation of and any necessary supplementation to the information provided in the reports submitted pursuant to subsection 3;

(2) A description of federal programs operating in the State, including an analysis of how and to what extent these programs and services meet statewide housing need;

(3) An analysis of current statewide housing stock and current statewide housing need and an estimate of housing stock and need over the next 5 years, including a description of assumptions on which the determination of housing need is based; and

(4) An identification of actual or potential sources of revenue, including local, state, federal and private sources, for housing programs and services throughout the State.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require agencies involved in housing activities to submit annual data on their activities. The State Planning Office is responsible for pulling together all of these reports into one comprehensive report

to be submitted to the Legislature and to the Governor.

The intent of this amendment is to encourage the coordination of the many and varied housing programs and services in the State.

Reported by the Committee on State Government.

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