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L.D. 847

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
112TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 576, L.D. 847,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Municipal General Assistance Law."

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4323-A is enacted to read:

§4323-A. Administrative grants

1. Authorization. Effective July 1, 1986, the Commissioner of Human Services may award annual grants to municipalities up to a maximum of 20% of a municipality's total general assistance costs, whether reimbursed or not, in the municipality's immediately prior fiscal year; these grants to be for the purposes in this section.

2. Purpose. The purpose of the grants is to facilitate the administration of general assistance eligibility determinations and verifications at the municipal level. Grants shall be awarded on a competitive basis, with priority to the project or projects which have the greatest potential for:

A. Improving the efficiency of the application process and reducing the paperwork related to the application process;

B. Assisting in verification of information used in determining eligibility for general assistance; and

C. Reducing fraud.



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1 so participate in the grant awards. It changes the  
2 focus of the grants from solely automation oriented  
3 to an orientation in any administrative improvements,  
4 including automation. It also requires some grants  
5 to smaller communities and adds a reporting require-  
6 ment and an appropriation.

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