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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 247, L.D. 656, Bill, "An Act to Reduce Duplication at the Department of Human Services"

Amend the bill in that part designated "S6-A." by inserting at the end the following:

'By January 1, 1992, the department shall submit an action plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resource matters and a copy to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. The action plan must describe the steps that the department plans for implementation of this section with a timetable for achieving compliance. The plan must describe the manner of funding for implementation of this section, plans for training or reclassifying personnel and all resources necessary to achieve compliance.'

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill requires caseworkers in the Department of Human Services to be trained to determine eligibility in all income maintenance programs. Eligibility workers in the aid to families with dependent children, food stamps and Medicaid programs and welfare employment, education and training specialists may need to be reclassified upward if these staff must assume additional job functions that include case management. General Fund appropriations will be required in order to effect the

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2 reclassifications, once approved, and for staff training costs.
3 It is not possible at this time to determine the amounts required
4 because the amounts depend on personnel action approvals by the
5 Bureau of Human Resources and the effective date of the
6 reclassifications.

7 The Department of Human Services will absorb within its
8 budgeted resources the costs associated with preparing the
9 required plan and reporting to the Legislature.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment adds to the original bill a provision that requires the Department of Human Services to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resource matters by January 1, 1992 on its plans and needs to achieve compliance with the requirements of the bill.

Reported by Senator Bost for the Committee on Human Resources
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