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Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24. Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

Sum

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, Representative ANTHONY of South Portland and Representative DUPLESSIS of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Adoption Assistance.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

19 MRSA §541, first ¶, as amended by PL 1981, c. 57, §1, is further amended to read:

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The Department of Human Services is authorized to provide adoption assistance for children in its care or custody or in the custody of a nonprofit private child-placing agency licensed to operate in the State who are legally eligible for adoption and who are physically, mentally or emotionally handicapped or who by virtue of age, sibling relationship, race or the presence of a medical condition otherwise may not be adopted and for whom reasonable but unsuccessful efforts have been made to place the 14 child without adoption assistance. The Department of Human Services may, subject to rules and regulations adopted by the department and the federal Department of Health and Human Services, reimburse adoptive parents for nonrecurring expenses related to the adoption of special needs children who are physically, mentally or emotionally handicapped or who by virtue of age, sibling relationship, race or the presence of a medical condition otherwise may not be adopted and for whom reasonable but unsuccessful efforts have been made to place the child without such assistance. The Department of Human Services is authorized to use funds for this purpose which-are appropriated for child welfare services and funds under Title-IV-E and Title IV-B-of the United States Social Security Act, Titles IV-B and IV-E, subject to rules and regulations adopted by the department and the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill expands the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19, chapter 10 to comply with federal law by authorizing the Department of Human Services, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the department and the federal Department of Health and Human Services, sto pay nonrecurring expenses related to the adoption of special needs children and to expand its adoption assistance program to cover special needs children in the custody of private nonprofit adoption agencies licensed to operate in this State.

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