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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1605, L.D. 2267, Bill, "An Act to Address Periodic Crises in the Preparation and Mailing of Checks to Clients of the Department of Human Services and to Ensure Priority Payment of Foster Care Expenses"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §131-A is enacted to read:

§131-A. Payment priority.

Payments made on behalf of the Department of Human Services for aid to families with dependent children and for foster care have priority over other payments and must be made without delay whether or not they are pursuant to a state plan or contract under 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 23. The Treasurer of State shall cooperate with other state agencies to accomplish priority payments.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1502-A is enacted to read:

§1502-A. Payment priority.

Payments made on behalf of the Department of Human Services for aid to families with dependent children and for foster care have priority over other payments and must be made without delay whether or not they are pursuant to a state plan or contract under 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 23. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall cooperate with other state agencies to accomplish priority payments.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3758, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

2 7. Payment priority. Payments made on behalf of the  
3 department for aid to families with dependent children and for  
4 foster care have priority over other payments and must be made  
5 without delay whether or not they are pursuant to a state plan or  
6 contract under 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 23. The  
7 department shall cooperate with other state agencies to  
8 accomplish priority payments.'

9 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read  
10 consecutively.

11 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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13 This amendment removes the section of the bill that directed  
14 the Bureau of Human Resources to coordinate interagency use of  
15 data processing personnel and places language making payments for  
16 aid to families with dependent children and for foster care a  
17 priority in those statutes related to Treasurer of State and  
18 Department of Administrative and Financial Services. The  
19 Treasurer of State, the Department of Administrative and  
20 Financial Services and the Department of Human Services are all  
21 directed to cooperate with each other to facilitate priority  
22 payments.

Reported by the Committee on State and Local Government  
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