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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
116TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "E" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1306, L.D. 1761, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1994 and June 30, 1995"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part CC the following:

PART DD

Sec. DD-1. 22 MRSA §3741-C, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1993, c. 385, §5, is further amended to read:

1. General requirement. A recipient of federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children is not required to participate in an education, training or employment activity as a condition of eligibility for federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children, if that person is the parent or other relative of a child under ~~3-years~~ one year of age who is personally providing care for that child.

Sec. DD-2. 22 MRSA §3741-K is enacted to read:

§3741-K. Family benefits capped

In determining the level of benefits for which a family residing in an area served by the program is eligible, the department may not increase the payment level due to an increase in family size beyond that which corresponds to the family size at the time of application or determination of eligibility, whichever is later. If a child is born to the family while a member of the family is a recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits, the payment level may not increase to that ordinarily paid to that larger family. This limitation does not apply:

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2 1. Child not biological child of recipient. When a child
4 who meets the eligibility requirements and is not the biological
 child of a recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent Children
 benefits establishes residence with a family receiving benefits;

6 2. Mother pregnant. When the mother of a child is pregnant
8 with the child at the time of application or determination of
 eligibility;

10 3. Participating in family planning. When the recipient of
12 Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits is participating
14 in a family planning plan to prevent conception. It is the
 responsibility of the department to inform in writing and orally
16 all applicants for and recipients of Aid to Families with
 Dependent Children benefits of the policy that prohibits an
18 increase in Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits due
 to the birth of an additional family member and refer the family
20 members to a qualified family planning provider. It is the
 responsibility of the person applying for or receiving Aid to
22 Families with Dependent Children benefits to follow through on
 the referral and provide documentation of participation in a
 family planning plan; or

24 4. Additional criteria developed by department. In
26 situations meeting additional criteria developed by the
 department under which children not originally included in the
28 Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefit at the time of
 application or determination of eligibility may be included at a
30 later date.

32 If there is a break in eligibility and the family applies
34 again for Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits, the
 department shall determine a new payment level by reference to
36 the family's size at the time of the new application or
 determination of eligibility, whichever is later, only if every
38 member of the family requesting Aid to Families with Dependent
 Children benefits has not received Aid to Families with Dependent
 Children benefits in the last 12 months.

40 Families that reside in an area served by the program and
42 move to an area of the State not served by the program are
 subject to the provisions of this section.

44 Sec. DD-3. Appropriation. The following funds are
46 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
 this Part.

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L.D. 1761

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools

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All Other \$142,747

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Provides for the appropriation of funds for
General Purpose Aid for Local Schools.

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Aid to Families with Dependent Children

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All Other (142,747)

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Provides for the deappropriation of funds as
a result of savings from limiting increased
payment for additional children.

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**SECTION DD-3
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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Sec. DD-4. Allocation. The following funds are appropriated
from the Federal Expenditure Fund to carry out the purposes of
this Part.

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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Aid to Families with Dependent Children

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All Other (\$242,637)

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Provides for the deallocation of funds as a
result of savings from limiting increased
payment for additional children.

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**SECTION DD-4
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS**

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Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

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FISCAL NOTE

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This amendment may increase the General Fund cost of the bill by \$142,747 in fiscal year 1994-95. A balanced budget may not be maintained since the savings that are deappropriated from the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program are contingent upon federal approval and may not be achieved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment changes the exemption from participating in education, employment or training activities that is required of recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Current law exempts a recipient who cares for a child under 3 years of age; this amendment restricts that exemption to a recipient who cares for a child under one year of age.

This amendment also requires level funding for families receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children in which children are born and dedicates the resulting savings in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program to General Purpose Aid for Local Schools.

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