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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 752, L.D. 1981, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Self-employment Assistance Program"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 by inserting at the end the following: 'The appeal must be processed under the grievance procedure specified in section 2015-A, subsection 10.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 by inserting after subsection 9 the following:

'10. Report. Annually by March 1st, the commissioner shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters on the self-employment assistance program. This report must include data on the number of individuals participating in the program and the number of businesses developed under the program, business survival data, the cost of operating the program, compliance with program requirements and data related to business income, the number of employees and wages paid in the new businesses and the incidence and duration of unemployment after business start-up. The report may also include any recommended changes in the program.'

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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The Department of Labor will incur some minor additional costs to develop and implement the self-employment assistance program, to administer an appeals process and to submit a required annual report to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment permits an individual who has been denied acceptance into the self-employment assistance program the right to appeal that denial. The amendment requires the Commissioner of Labor to report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.