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No. 209

H.P. 161

House of Representatives, January 24, 1995

**An Act to Reduce Costs in the Department of Human Services by
Reducing Functions to the Federally Mandated Level.**

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representatives: LOVETT of Scarborough, NASS of Acton, REED of
Falmouth, Senator: PENDEXTER of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. Reduction in functions.** The Department of Human
5 Services shall reduce the functions of the department to the
6 federally mandated level by July 1, 1996.

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8 By October 5, 1995, the department shall report to the joint
9 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
10 human resources matters on the functions of the department that
11 will be eliminated by December 1, 1995, including all functions
12 that are fully funded by the General Fund and that can be
13 eliminated by that date. The report must include any legislation
14 necessary to accomplish the reduction in functions and must
15 identify all expenditures that will be required and cost savings
16 to the State as a result of the reductions.

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18 By March 1, 1996, the department shall report to the joint
19 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
20 human resources matters on the remaining functions of the
21 department that will be eliminated by July 1, 1996. The report
22 must include any legislation necessary to accomplish the
23 reduction in functions and must identify all expenditures that
24 will be required and cost savings to the State as a result of the
25 reductions.

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27 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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29 This bill requires the Department of Human Services to
30 reduce its functions to the federally mandated level. It
31 requires a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Human
32 Resources by October 5, 1995 on reductions that will occur by
33 December 1, 1995. It requires a report to the Joint Standing
34 Committee on Human Resources by March 1, 1996, on reductions that
35 will occur by July 1, 1996. Both reports must contain the
36 legislation necessary to accomplish the reductions in functions
37 and must identify all expenditures that will be required and cost
38 savings to the State as a result of the reductions.