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Reported by: Senator BEGLEY of Lincoln for the Committee.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 437, L.D. 1205, Bill, "An Act to Conform State Unemployment Compensation Laws to Federal Requirements"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1192, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Participation in reemployment services. The individual who has been referred to reemployment services, pursuant to a profiling system established by the commissioner, participates in those services or similar services unless it is determined that the individual has completed those services or there is good cause for the individual's failure to participate.

For purposes of this subsection, "good cause" means all circumstances described in the definition of good cause in Chapter 1 of the rules governing the administration of the Employment Security Law, including child care emergencies and transportation emergencies.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This additional eligibility condition for unemployment benefits from the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund will likely result in benefit savings to the fund. The amounts can not be estimated at this time.

2 This change is intended to maintain conformity with federal
law. Failure to maintain conformity may result in the reduction
4 of federal funds.'

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8 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

10 This amendment provides that if a person is referred to
reemployment services, that person can satisfy the participation
12 requirement through completion of a comparable program. The
amendment includes a definition of good cause for the
14 individual's failure to participate. The amendment also adds a
fiscal note to the bill.