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An Act to Improve the AFDC Program.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset. (GOVERNOR'S BILL).
Cosponsored by Senators: CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock,
HANLEY of Oxford, Representatives: DONNELLY of Presque Isle, ETNIER of Harpswell,
FITZPATRICK of Durham, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, LOVETT of Scarborough.

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

4 **PART A**

6 **Sec. A-1. 22 MRSA §1, 3rd ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt. A, §51, is amended to read:

8 The commissioner may employ any bureau and division heads, deputies, assistants and employees who may be necessary to carry out the work of the department. All personnel of the department shall--be are under the immediate supervision, direction and control of the commissioner. These personnel shall--be are employed subject to the Civil Service Law, except the Deputy Commissioner; Director, Bureau of Child and Family Services; Director, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services; Director, Bureau of Health; Director, Bureau of Rehabilitation; Director, Bureau of ~~Ineome--Maintenance~~ Family Independence; Director, State Health Planning and Development Agency; Director, Bureau of Medical Services; and Assistant Deputy Commissioners.

20 **Sec. A-2. 22 MRSA §9-A, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 566, is repealed.

24 **Sec. A-3. 22 MRSA §9-A, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 566, is repealed.

26 **Sec. A-4. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§12** is enacted to read:

28 12. Penalty. The unauthorized issuance, redemption, use, transfer, acquisition, alteration or possession of coupons or other program access device may subject an individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity to prosecution by the State in accordance with Sections 15 (b) and 15 (c) of the federal Food Stamp Act of 1977. Penalties are in accordance with those outlined in federal law or regulations.

36 **Sec. A-5. 22 MRSA §3741**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 849, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

40 **§3741. Aid to dependent children; promotion of economic self-support**

42 The department shall promote economic self-support among families by:

46 1. Promoting support by both parents. Enforcing laws and establishing policies to ensure that both parents contribute to the economic support of their child or children and to promote every child's right to economic support from both parents;

2 **2. Move to sustainable employment.** Assisting parents who
4 receive benefits under the Aid to Families with Dependent
6 Children program to move as quickly as possible into employment
 in a sustainable, humane way;

8 **3. Training; partnerships.** Increasing the employability of
10 parents who receive benefits under the Aid to Families with
12 Dependent Children program through on-the-job training and
 strengthening the public and private workforce partnership
 through development of training sites and jobs for those parents;

14 **4. Teenage pregnancies; minimization.** Providing education
16 and services to minimize teenage pregnancies with special
 attention paid to the role of the male; and

18 **5. Safety net of services.** Ensuring that the State's
20 safety net of services offers a "hand-up" rather than a "handout."

22 **Sec. A-6. 22 MRSA §3741-A**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 385, §3,
 is repealed.

24 **Sec. A-7. 22 MRSA §3741-C, sub-§§1 and 2**, as amended by PL
 1993, c. 385, §5, are repealed.

26 **Sec. A-8. 22 MRSA §3741-D**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 839, §1,
 is repealed.

28 **Sec. A-9. 22 MRSA §3741-E**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 709, §2,
30 is repealed.

32 **Sec. A-10. 22 MRSA §3741-G**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 385,
 §9, is repealed.

34 **Sec. A-11. 22 MRSA §3741-I, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1993, c.
36 385, §11, is repealed.

38 **Sec. A-12. 22 MRSA §3741-I, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

40 **3. Transitional child care assistance.** The department
42 shall administer a program to provide transitional child care
 assistance in accordance with the federal Family Support Act of
44 1988, Public Law 100-485, with the following exceptions.

46 A. To receive transitional child care in accordance with
48 the federal Family Support Act of 1988, Public Law 100-485,
 the family must have received Aid to Families with Dependent
 Children benefits for at least 3 of the last 6 months. The
50 department shall apply for a waiver from the federal
 Department of Health and Human Services to provide

2 transitional child care for families whose eligibility for
4 Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits has
6 terminated due to work search activities, as outlined in
8 section 3760-I, subsection 7. If termination is due to such
work search activities, the family must have received Aid to
Families with Dependent Children benefits for at least one
of the last 3 months in order to receive transitional child
care.

10 B. The department shall require periodic reporting of
12 income or circumstances in the 5th and 11th months of
receipt of transitional child care.

14 C. To continue to receive transitional child care, a family
16 must pay the following premiums:

18 (1) For the first 3 months, \$10 per month;

20 (2) For the 2nd 3 months, \$20 per month;

22 (3) For the 3rd 3 months, \$30 per month; and

24 (4) For the 4th 3 months, \$40 per month.

26 **Sec. A-13. 22 MRSA §3741-J**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 385,
§13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

28 **§3741-J. Family contract**

30 During the ASPIRE-JOBS referral process, a representative of
32 the department and each Aid to Families with Dependent Children
34 caretaker relative shall sign a form referred to as a family
36 contract. The family contract must outline parental
38 responsibilities, including, but not limited to, cooperation in
40 determining paternity and referral to parenting activities and
health care services and, if appropriate, the requirements of
ASPIRE-JOBS participation. Refusal to sign the family contract
or to abide by the provision of the contract results in sanctions
against the caretaker relative.

42 **Sec. A-14. 22 MRSA §3741-K**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 709,
§3, is repealed.

44 **Sec. A-15. 22 MRSA §§3741-M, 3741-N, 3741-O and 3741-P** are
46 enacted to read:

48 **§3741-M. ASPIRE-Plus**

50 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the
context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the
following meanings.

2 A. "AFDC" means Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

4 B. "Participant" means a recipient of AFDC benefits who
6 participates in ASPIRE-Plus.

8 2. Authorization; duration. The department shall apply to
10 the Federal Government for a waiver to establish the ASPIRE-Plus
12 project.

14 A. The ASPIRE-Plus project provides a reimbursement of up
16 to 1/2 of the minimum wage for employers in department
18 Region II and Region V who hire AFDC recipients who are in
20 the Workforce Phase of the Family Self-support Program
22 established in section 3760-I, subsection 12 for the federal
24 maximum 6-month on-the-job training period.

26 B. The ASPIRE-Plus project must be funded with the amount
28 of the work-related expense reimbursement and with food
30 stamp benefits for which the family or household was
32 eligible, without considering the income from the
34 ASPIRE-Plus on-the-job training wage.

36 C. The duration of the ASPIRE-Plus project is 5 years.

38 D. Participation in the ASPIRE-Plus project is limited by
40 the availability of funds, as determined on a case-by-case
42 basis by the department.

44 E. No more than 1,000 persons may participate in the
46 ASPIRE-Plus project over its 5-year duration.

48 3. Cash-out pilot project. The department is directed to
50 apply to the federal Department of Agriculture to obtain a waiver
allowing a cash-out pilot project for ASPIRE-Plus participants.
The amount of the food stamp benefit converted to cash must be
paid by the employer as a wage through ASPIRE-Plus.

4. Rules governing employer use of program participants.
The department shall adopt rules to determine which employers,
including public and private sector employers, may hire
ASPIRE-Plus project participants.

5. Maximum number of program participants with each
employer. Each participating employer may be assigned one
ASPIRE-Plus project participant. The maximum number of program
participants that any employer is authorized to receive at any
one time may not exceed one participant or 10% of the total
number of the employer's employees, whichever is greater. The
Director of the Bureau of Family Independence may waive this
limit.

2 6. Exclusion of employers from participation. The
department may establish criteria for excluding employers from
4 participation in ASPIRE-Plus for reasons such as:

6 A. Failure to abide by project requirements or other
demonstrated unwillingness to comply with the stated intent
8 of the department; or

10 B. A pattern of terminating participants prior to the
completion of training or not continuing employment when the
12 subsidy ends.

14 7. Requirements; employers; jobs made available. For jobs
made available through ASPIRE-Plus, employers:

16 A. May not require work in excess of 40 hours per week;

18 B. May not displace regular employees or fill unfilled
20 positions previously established;

22 C. Must provide at least the minimum wage and not pay a
wage that is substantially less than the wage paid for
24 similar jobs in the local economy with appropriate
adjustments for experience and training;

26 D. Must provide participants with sick leave, holiday and
28 vacation absences in conformance to the individual
employer's rules for new employees;

30 E. Must provide participants with group health insurance
32 benefits to the extent that federal or state law requires
employers to provide those benefits; and

34 F. Must provide a mentor for the ASPIRE-Plus participant.

36 8. Amount to supplement loss in income. A participant
38 whose participation in ASPIRE-Plus results in a loss of net
income must receive a supplement to that participant's wages to
40 provide the same level of net income as the participant had prior
to participation in ASPIRE-Plus. Participants are entitled to
42 retain the full current child support obligation payments
collected by the department.

44 9. Eligibility for medical assistance; child care. A
46 participant who is eligible for federally and state funded
medical assistance at the time the participant enters the project
48 remains eligible as long as the participant continues to
participate in ASPIRE-Plus. Child day-care services must be
50 provided for all participants who require it in accordance with
the federal Family Support Act of 1988, Public Law 100-485.

2 10. Employer agreements. An employer must sign an
3 agreement for each participant placed with that employer. The
4 employer must outline the specific job offered to the participant
5 in the agreement and agree to abide by all requirements of the
6 project, including the requirement that the project not supplant
7 existing jobs. All agreements must include provisions noting the
8 employer's responsibility to repay reimbursements in the event
9 the employer violates project rules.

10 **§3741-N. Nonmandatory participants**

11 Beginning October 1, 1995, a recipient of federal Aid to
12 Families with Dependent Children benefits must participate in an
13 education, training or employment program as described in the
14 federal Family Support Act of 1988, Public Law 100-485, unless
15 that recipient is the parent or another relative of a child under
16 2 years of age who is personally providing care for that child,
17 is unable to work due to a physically or mentally handicapping
18 condition as determined by the department, is needed in the home
19 to care for an impaired household member or is 60 years of age or
20 older. A recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent Children
21 benefits shall sign a family contract as outlined in section
22 3741-J.
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24 **§3741-O. Transitional medical assistance**

25 The department shall administer a program to provide
26 extended eligibility for medical assistance in accordance with
27 the federal Family Support Act of 1988, Public Law 100-485, with
28 the following exceptions.
29

30 **1. Receipt of Aid to Families with Dependent Children.** In
31 order to receive transitional Medicaid as the result of increased
32 earnings, number of hours worked or the loss of the federal
33 disregard, a family must have received federal Aid to Families
34 with Dependent Children benefits for at least 3 of the last 6
35 months. The department shall apply for a waiver from the federal
36 Department of Health and Human Services to provide transitional
37 Medicaid benefits for families whose eligibility for Aid to
38 Families with Dependent Children has terminated due to employment
39 obtained through work search activities outlined in section
40 3760-I, subsection 7. If termination of those benefits is due to
41 employment obtained through such work search activities, a family
42 must have received federal Aid to Families with Dependent
43 Children benefits for at least one of the last 3 months.
44

45 **2. Periodic reporting.** The department shall require
46 reporting of income or circumstances in the 5th and 11th months
47 of receipt of extended medical assistance.
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2 3. Premiums; copayments; deductibles. To continue to
4 receive extended medical assistance following the first 6 months
 of coverage, a family must pay the following premiums:

6 A. For the 7th through 9th months, \$10 per month; and

8 B. For the 10th through 12th months, \$20 per month.

10 4. Scope of services. The department shall provide the
12 same scope of medical assistance to the individual as provided
 when the individual's family was receiving federal Aid to
14 Families with Dependent Children cash assistance.

16 **§3741-P. Deductions from maximum grant**

18 In determining the amount of assistance for which a family
 is eligible, the department shall deduct all countable income
20 from the maximum grant amount for the eligible family members.

22 The department shall request a waiver from the federal
 Department of Health and Human Services to allow a deduction,
24 equal to the difference between the maximum federal Aid to
 Families with Dependent Children payment and the standard of need
26 for various family sizes in effect on June 30, 1995, from the
 monthly gross earned income prior to the department's
 consideration in determining the grant amount.

28 **Sec. A-16. 22 MRSA §3758, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1993, c.
30 349, §51, is repealed.

32 **Sec. A-17. 22 MRSA §3758, sub-§§2, 3 and 4,** as enacted by PL
34 1975, c. 441, §1, are repealed.

36 **Sec. A-18. 22 MRSA §3758-A** is enacted to read:

38 **§3758-A. Transfer of funds**

40 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department
 is authorized to transfer to the Additional Support for People in
42 Retraining and Employment account up to 12 months of any federal
 Aid to Families with Dependent Children general funds that
44 represent federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children cost
 savings due to an Additional Support for People in Retraining and
46 Employment participant obtaining employment. The transferred
 funds may be carried forward in the Additional Support for People
48 in Retraining and Employment account for a period of up to 12
 months. Funds appropriated to either account do not lapse at the
 end of the fiscal year.

2 **Sec. A-19. 22 MRSA §3759**, as reallocated by PL 1983, c. 816,
Pt. A, §17, is repealed.

4 **Sec. A-20. 22 MRSA §§3760-I and 3760-J** are enacted to read:

6 **§3760-I. Family Self-support Program**

8 **1. Waiver.** To implement changes in the Aid to Families
10 with Dependent Children and ASPIRE-JOBS programs in the State,
the department shall apply to the Federal Government for a waiver
12 for a period of 5 years of any applicable provisions contained in
the federal Social Security Act. The provisions approved in the
14 waiver must be applied to all recipients of Aid to Families with
Dependent Children benefits as approved by the Federal
16 Government. The waived provisions must include those sections
necessary to produce the Family Self-support Program described in
18 this section. The department may make such changes to the
program as are necessary to achieve federal waiver approval.

20 **2. Purposes of Aid to Families with Dependent Children and
22 ASPIRE-JOBS.** The purposes of the Aid to Families with Dependent
Children and ASPIRE-JOBS programs are to help recipients become
24 self-supporting, reduce the average length of time that
individuals are on welfare and prevent future welfare dependence.

26 **3. Individual opportunity service contract recipients;
28 other.** A person who has an active individual opportunity service
contract at the time that the waiver pursuant to subsection 1 is
30 obtained must be treated as a new applicant under the Family
Self-support Program at the expiration of the individual
32 opportunity service contract.

34 **4. Aid to Families with Dependent Children recipients.**
Except as provided in subsection 3, all persons who receive Aid
36 to Families with Dependent Children benefits at the time that the
waiver pursuant to subsection 1 is obtained enter the Family
38 Self-support Program at the time of the review of eligibility for
Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits.

40 **5. Provision of information.** The department shall inform
42 an individual who applies for Aid to Families with Dependent
Children benefits of both parents' responsibility to support
44 their children, the temporary nature of the benefits and the
recipient's responsibility to become self-supporting through work
46 search activities, participation in education, training or
treatment programs and cooperation with the division of support
48 enforcement and recovery. As long as the recipient is receiving
Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits, the department
50 shall inform the recipient of the responsibility to participate

in work search activities and to develop and participate in a plan to become self-supporting.

6. Refusal to participate. If an individual who is receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits refuses to participate or fails to participate in the ASPIRE-JOBS program or support enforcement activities or refuses to sign the family contract, the needs of that individual may not be considered in determining the grant or stipend amount for the remainder of the assistance unit. Income and assets of the individual must be used to determine the eligibility and amount of the grant or stipend for the remainder of the assistance unit. The individual continues to be eligible for Medicaid if all other eligibility factors are met.

7. Work search. All adults in families in which both parents are living with the children and all single parents whose children are age 5 or older who are determined to be eligible for Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits on or after the effective date of the Family Support Program and whom the department determines to have employment skills must participate in work search activities as soon as determined eligible for those benefits. The recipient may continue to participate in work search activities while receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits even when the recipient is involved with other ASPIRE-JOBS activities.

8. Participation in education, training, treatment or employment program. Dependent children who are 16 years of age or older and under 18 years of age who are not attending full-time secondary school or engaged in full-time training designed to prepare those dependent children for employment and caretaker relatives who are recipients of federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits must participate in an education, training, treatment or employment program developed by the department and the recipient. Except as provided in section 3741-N, no caretaker relative is exempt from this subsection. A person may be exempted from participation only due to lack of support services or placement opportunity. Work search activities required by subsection 7 may be used to meet the 20 hours per week participation requirement.

9. Determination of types of opportunities. The department shall request that the federal Department of Health and Human Services delegate to the department the responsibility for determining the types of opportunities necessary to provide recipients of federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits with skills to enable those recipients to become self-supporting and that these activities be included in determining the level of participation necessary to obtain maximum federal funding for the ASPIRE-JOBS program.

2 10. Orientation Phase. The 90 days following the date of
eligibility determination for Aid to Families with Dependent
4 Children benefits is the Orientation Phase.

6 A. During the Orientation Phase, the department shall hold
meetings to inform recipients of Aid to Families with
8 Dependent Children benefits of their rights and
responsibilities and the expectations of the Family
10 Self-support Program.

12 B. The Orientation Phase must include work search
activities. Work search activities are required of all
14 adults in families in which both parents are living with the
children and all single parents whose children are age 5 or
16 older who are recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent
Children benefits whom the department, working with the
18 recipients, determines are ready to work.

20 C. During the Orientation Phase, a caretaker relative,
working with department staff, shall develop an
22 employability plan. The employability plan must include:

24 (1) A description of the situation or situations that
prevent the family from becoming economically
26 self-supporting;

28 (2) A description of the goals, objectives and support
services needed to overcome the barriers to providing a
30 financial basis for the family; and

32 (3) A description of the activities in which the
family members will be involved in order to meet the 20
34 hours per week participation requirement established in
subsection 8.

36 D. The Orientation Phase may be extended by the
38 commissioner or the commissioner's designee to 6 months for
families in which there are individuals who are not ready to
40 enter the Education, Training and Treatment Phase outlined
in subsection 11.

42 E. During the Orientation Phase, the department may offer
44 services to assist a caretaker relative to improve job
readiness skills as part of the 20 hours per week
46 participation requirement established in subsection 8.
These services may include household budgeting, improving
48 social skills, substance abuse counseling, health insurance
consultation, increasing self-esteem and family planning
50 consultation. If the department determines that a recipient

2 of Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits is
3 hindered from obtaining employment by drug or alcohol abuse,
4 that recipient must enter into a treatment program for the
5 abuse.

6 F. If the recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent
7 Children benefits and the department determine that the
8 recipient does not need education, training or treatment in
9 order to become self-supporting, the recipient immediately
10 enters the Workforce Phase outlined in subsection 12.

11 **11. Education, Training and Treatment Phase.** Except as
12 provided in subsection 10, paragraph F, following the Orientation
13 Phase, recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children
14 benefits enter the Education, Training and Treatment Phase. The
15 Education, Training and Treatment Phase may include work search
16 activities as part of the 20 hours of required participation in
17 education and training activities established in subsection 8.

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20 A. The Education, Training and Treatment Phase may not last
21 longer than 24 consecutive calendar months, except that the
22 commissioner or the commissioner's designee may extend the
23 24-month period on a case-by-case basis when the recipient
24 of Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits is not
25 determined ready to enter the Workforce Phase established in
26 subsection 12. For purposes of calculating the duration of
27 the Education, Training and Treatment Phase, the 24-month
28 period begins with the month following the month that the
29 Orientation Phase ends. A recipient whose Aid to Families
30 with Dependent Children benefits terminate during this
31 24-month period and who is subsequently determined eligible
32 for Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits may
33 continue to receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children
34 benefits if the recipient is otherwise eligible for the
35 remainder of the 24-month period.

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38 B. Support services identified by the recipient of Aid to
39 Families with Dependent Children benefits and approved by
40 department staff as necessary for the recipient to
41 participate in the Education, Training and Treatment Phase
42 must be approved for payment by the department within the
43 limit of available funds.

44 C. Recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children
45 benefits under 23 years of age who are attending school or
46 are involved in an educational program recognized by the
47 Department of Education or a local school board as meeting
48 the requirements to obtain a high school diploma or the
49 equivalent are considered to meet the requirements of this
50 subsection and are not limited to the 24-month period. The

2 department shall encourage recipients that are 19 years of
3 age or younger to attend traditional education facilities.

4 **12. Workforce Phase.** Following the completion of the
5 Education, Training and Treatment Phase, a recipient of Aid to
6 Families with Dependent Children benefits is assigned to the
7 Workforce Phase. During the first 2 months of the Workforce
8 Phase, the department may require the recipient to engage in work
9 search activities. If the recipient does not find a job within
10 this 2-month period, the individual must be assigned to a
11 workforce opportunity pursuant to subsection 13 for at least 20
12 hours per week. If a recipient who is receiving the workforce
13 work-related expense reimbursement pursuant to paragraph B
14 refuses to participate or fails to participate, the needs of that
15 recipient may not be considered in determining the work-related
16 expense reimbursement amount for the remainder of the assistance
17 unit. Income and assets of a recipient must be used to determine
18 eligibility and the amount of the work-related expense
19 reimbursement for the remainder of the assistance unit. The
20 recipient continues to be eligible for Medicaid if all other
21 eligibility factors are met.

22
23 A. Child care and transportation services must be provided
24 to workforce participants in the same manner as provided
25 during the Education, Training and Treatment Phase.

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27 B. While a recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent
28 Children benefits is in the Workforce Phase, the monthly
29 cash grant is not considered an Aid to Families with
30 Dependent Children grant, but is instead considered a
31 work-related expense reimbursement. Eligibility for and
32 determination of the amount of the work-related expense
33 reimbursement must be based on rules adopted by the
34 department to determine eligibility and grant amounts during
35 the Orientation Phase and the Employment, Training and
36 Treatment Phase.

37 **13. Developing resources.** To encourage job placement
38 opportunities and the provision of services necessary to ensure
39 self-sufficiency to recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent
40 Children benefits:

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42 A. The department may contract with public and private
43 agencies to establish job placement opportunities and to
44 match the applicant or recipient with a job;

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46 B. An agency that receives funds from any state department
47 or division must provide at least one workforce opportunity
48 for a recipient in the Workforce Phase;

2 C. Each state agency must provide at least one workforce
3 opportunity for every 50 employees;

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5 D. As a condition to receiving funds, an agency that
6 receives funds from any state agency for the treatment of
7 drug or alcohol abuse must give recipients of Aid to
8 Families with Dependent Children benefits priority for
9 services; and

10 E. A state agency that provides funding for child care or
11 transportation services must give recipients of Aid to
12 Families with Dependent Children benefits priority for those
13 services.

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15 **§3760-J. Custodial parents not yet 20 years of age**

16
17 **1. Mandatory participation.** A custodial parent who is not
18 yet 20 years of age and who is a recipient of Aid to Families
19 with Dependent Children benefits and has not completed a high
20 school education or its equivalent must participate in the
21 ASPIRE-JOBS program regardless of the age of the youngest child.

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23 **2. Voucher payments only.** A custodial parent who is not
24 yet 20 years of age and who is a recipient of Aid to Families
25 with Dependent Children benefits must receive those benefits in
26 the form of vouchers.

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28 **Sec. A-21. 22 MRSA §3772,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 360, Pt.
29 C, §3, is repealed.

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31 **Sec. A-22. 22 MRSA §3775,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt.
32 A, §61, is repealed.

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34 **Sec. A-23. 22 MRSA §3776,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt.
35 A, §§86 to 88, is repealed.

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37 **Sec. A-24. 22 MRSA §3778,** as amended by PL 1983, c. 730, §8,
38 is repealed.

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40 **Sec. A-25. 22 MRSA §3781-A, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.
41 385, §16, is amended to read:

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43 **3. Purpose.** The purpose of this program is to provide
44 services and support to recipients of Aid to Families with
45 Dependent Children and to reduce dependence on public assistance
46 to the extent that adequate funding is available for that
47 purpose. The principal goal is to assist--the--recipient--in
48 ~~securing-stable-employment-that-pays-wages-sufficient-to-maintain~~
49 ~~adequate-family-income-without-public-assistance-and-to-increase~~

2 ~~the basic life skills and self-confidence of the recipient~~ focus
3 on helping people to move into employment in a sustainable,
4 humane way.

6 **Sec. A-26. 22 MRSA §3782-A, sub-§3,** as repealed and replaced
7 by PL 1993, c. 385, §17, is amended to read:

8 **3. Monitoring of contract agencies.** If the department
9 contracts for the provision of program services under this
10 section, it shall monitor each contract agency at least annually
11 to ensure compliance with ~~sections~~ section 3786 and ~~3788~~ to
12 ensure compliance with the contracts entered into by the parties
13 and to ensure that quality services are provided for program
14 participants. The department shall adopt rules in accordance
15 with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act by which satisfactory
16 performance is measured. The rules must identify the
17 circumstances under which sanctions, including contract
18 suspension, reduction or termination, are applied.

20 **Sec. A-27. 22 MRSA §3785, sub-§§7 and 8,** as amended by PL 1993,
21 c. 385, §18, are further amended to read:

22 **7. Remoteness.** Participation that requires the individual
23 to travel outside the individual's immediate geographic area,
24 defined as an area within a 2-hour round trip commute; or

25 **8. Crisis or special circumstance.** A crisis or special
26 circumstance that causes an individual to be absent from or
27 discontinue a department activity about which the department has
28 been advised and has determined to constitute good cause; +

30 **Sec. A-28. 22 MRSA §3785, sub-§§10, 11 and 12,** as amended by PL
31 1993, c. 385, §18, are repealed.

32 **Sec. A-29. 22 MRSA §3788,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 385, §21,
33 is repealed.

34 **Sec. A-30. 22 MRSA §3788-A** is enacted to read:

35 **§3788-A. Notice of program assistance**

36 The department shall provide written notice to all
37 applicants for and recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent
38 Children benefits of the temporary nature of the program, the
39 recipients' responsibilities, program requirements and sanction
40 policies and procedures.

41 **Sec. A-31. 22 MRSA §3789,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 385, §22,
42 is repealed.

2 **Sec. A-32. 22 MRSA §§3789-B and 3789-C** are enacted to read:

4 **§3789-B. Interdepartmental Welfare Reform Committee**

6 The Interdepartmental Welfare Reform Committee, referred to
7 in this section as the "committee," is established. The
8 committee consists of the Commissioner of Education, the
9 Commissioner of Labor, the President of the Maine Technical
10 College System, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental
11 Retardation, the Director of the Office of Substance Abuse and
12 the Commissioner of Human Services, who serves as chair. The
13 committee shall monitor the efforts of the state departments
14 involved in welfare reform and ensure cooperation among those
15 departments.

16 **§3789-C. Committee of staff and recipients**

17 The department shall establish a committee composed of
18 frontline staff, program managers and recipients of Aid to
19 Families with Dependent Children benefits to streamline
20 application and case maintenance functions; develop a universal
21 application, and review other forms, to be used for all programs;
22 and bring as much uniformity as possible among the programs
23 administered by the Bureau of Family Independence. The committee
24 shall advise the commissioner of any changes in policies that
25 might require a federal waiver, legislation or congressional
26 action.

27 **Sec. A-33. Day Care Task Force.** The Department of Human
28 Services shall establish a Day Care Task Force to examine options
29 for increasing day care access for families leaving the Aid to
30 Families with Dependent Children program. The review of options
31 must include, but is not limited to, use of day care cooperatives
32 involving family, increased family day care and use of community
33 facilities such as schools and churches. The Day Care Task Force
34 shall submit its report to the Commissioner of Human Services no
35 later than November 1, 1995.

36 **Sec. A-34. Maine Revised Statutes amended; revision clause.**
37 Wherever in the Maine Revised Statutes the words "Bureau of
38 Income Maintenance" appear or reference is made to those words,
39 they are amended to read and mean "Bureau of Family
40 Independence," and the Revisor of Statutes shall implement this
41 revision when updating, publishing or republishing the statutes.

42 **Sec. A-35. Transition to Bureau of Family Independence.** The
43 Bureau of Family Independence is the successor in every way to
44 the powers, duties and functions of the former Bureau of Income
45 Maintenance. The Bureau of Family Independence shall emphasize
46 the values of work, family, responsibility and reciprocity.

2 1. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in
4 effect, in operation or adopted by the Bureau of Income
6 Maintenance or any of its administrative units or officers, are
hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded,
revised or amended by the proper authority.

8 2. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts
10 currently in effect in the Bureau of Income Maintenance continue
in effect.

12 3. Any positions authorized and allocated subject to the
14 personnel laws to the former Bureau of Income Maintenance are
transferred to the Bureau of Family Independence and may continue
to be authorized.

16 4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging
18 to or allocated for the use of the former Bureau of Income
Maintenance become, on the effective date of this Act, part of
20 the property of the Bureau of Family Independence.

22 5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar
24 items bearing the name of or referring to the "Bureau of Income
Maintenance" may be utilized by the Bureau of Family Independence
until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

26 **Sec. A-36. Maine Revised Statutes amended; revision clause.**
28 Wherever in the Maine Revised Statutes the words "ASPIRE" appear
or reference is made to those words, they are amended to read and
30 mean "Additional Support for People in Retraining and
Employment," and the Revisor of Statutes shall implement this
32 revision when updating, publishing or republishing the statutes.

34 **Sec. A-37. Amendment of requested waiver for Project Opportunity.**
The Department of Human Services shall amend its request to the
36 Federal Government for a waiver under the United States Social
Security Act, Section 1115 to replace the demonstration project,
38 known as Project Opportunity, with the ASPIRE-Plus Project.

40 **Sec. A-38. Development of opportunities.** The Department of
Labor, the Department of Education and the Department of Mental
42 Health and Mental Retardation shall work cooperatively with the
Department of Human Services to develop opportunities to serve
44 recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits.
The Department of Human Services and the Department of Education
46 shall work cooperatively to encourage individuals 19 years of age
and younger to remain in a traditional high school environment.

2 **Sec. A-39. Curriculum.** The Department of Human Services shall
4 work cooperatively with the Department of Education to develop a
6 curriculum and curricular materials to be used in schools
8 throughout the State to discourage teenagers from becoming
10 parents and provide good parenting skills for those teenagers who
do become parents. The curriculum must include information about
parental responsibilities, child support requirements and basic
parenting techniques.

12 **PART B**

14 **Sec. B-1. 22 MRSA §2761-B** is enacted to read:

16 **§2761-B. Hospital-based paternity acknowledgement**

18 **1. Birthing center.** As used in this section, "birthing
20 center" means a hospital or other facility that provides
childbirth services.

22 **2. Procedure.** A birthing center shall provide an
24 opportunity for all unmarried parents to complete a voluntary
acknowledgement of paternity. A birthing center shall provide to
26 each unmarried mother and alleged father, if present, written
information about paternity establishment provided by the
28 department, forms needed to voluntarily acknowledge paternity and
the opportunity to speak with a person who is trained to clarify
30 information and answer questions about paternity establishment.
The birthing center shall forward all completed acknowledgement
forms to the department.

32 **3. Written information.** The department shall develop an
34 acknowledgement form and written information for use by birthing
centers in carrying out the requirements of this section. The
36 information must include a description of the benefits and
responsibilities of paternity establishment. The information
must include instructions on completing the acknowledgement form.

38 **4. Technical assistance.** The department shall provide
40 birthing centers with training and technical assistance as needed
to carry out the requirements of this section.

42 **5. Reimbursement.** The department may establish by rule a
44 fee to reimburse birthing centers for each voluntary
acknowledgement of paternity form completed.

46 **6. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to
48 implement this section that comply with all applicable federal
regulations.

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PART C

6 Sec. C-1. 22 MRSA §17 is enacted to read:

8 §17. Transfer of deposits from parents who owe overdue child support

10 1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the
12 context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the
following meanings.

14 A. "Financial institution" means a trust company, savings
16 bank, industrial bank, commercial bank, savings and loan
association or credit union organized under the laws of this
State or otherwise authorized to do business in this State.

18 B. "Match" means an automated comparison by name and social
20 security number of individuals who owe overdue child support
with individuals included in the records of deposit accounts
22 in any financial institution.

24 C. "Obligor" means a person who owes overdue child support.

26 D. "Overdue child support" means a debt of \$500 or more for
28 maintenance and support of a child or children that has been
owed for a least 60 days, if the obligor had prior notice of
the debt and a prior opportunity to contest the amount owed.

30 2. Computer match. Upon notice by the department, a
32 financial institution shall match data provided by the department
with its records of deposit accounts. The department's data must
34 provide the full name, social security number and amount of
overdue child support owed by each obligor. The department's
36 data may not include obligors who receive benefits from the
department under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children
38 program. The department may not request a financial institution
to match records more often than once every calendar quarter.

40 3. Transfer of deposits. A financial institution shall
42 send deposits to the department that appear to be owned in whole
or in part by an obligor who is identified as a result of a
44 match. The financial institution shall send the deposits to the
department within 10 days of identifying the account as belonging
46 to an obligor reported by the department. The financial
institution may not send deposits that exceed the amount of the
48 obligor's debt as reported by the department. The financial
institution shall identify the deposits sent to the department by
50 providing the following information for each account:

- 2 A. The obligor's full name;
4 B. The obligor's social security number;
6 C. The financial institution account number;
8 D. The amount of the deposits sent to the department; and
10 E. The names and social security numbers of any joint
12 owners of the account.

14 4. Transaction fee. Before a financial institution sends
16 deposits to the department pursuant to subsection 3, the
18 financial institution may deduct a transaction fee from the
20 deposits. The commissioner shall establish the fee by rule.

22 5. Notice of transfer. The financial institution shall
24 send written notice of a match to the obligor when the match is
26 made. The department shall send written notice of the match to
28 the obligor when the department is notified of the match by the
30 financial institution. The notices must be sent to the obligor's
32 last known address. The department's notice must contain the
34 following information:

- 36 A. The amount of the obligor's debt;
38 B. The reason for the department's action;
40 C. The right of an obligor to contest the transaction at an
42 administrative hearing; and
44 D. The issues that may be determined at the hearing, as
46 provided in subsection 6.

48 6. Administrative hearing. An obligor may request an
50 administrative hearing upon receipt of the notice from the
52 department described in subsection 5. The request for hearing
54 must be in writing and must be received by the department within
56 30 days of the mailing of the notice. The department shall
58 conduct hearings under this subsection in accordance with the
60 requirements of Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter IV. The issues
62 that may be determined at hearing are limited to the following:

- 64 A. Whether the obligor owes overdue child support;
66 B. Whether the obligor had prior notice of the overdue
68 child support and a prior opportunity to contest the amount
70 of the debt; and
72 C. Whether the deposits taken belong to the obligor.

2 **7. Decision after hearing.** The department shall render a
4 decision after a hearing held pursuant to subsection 6 without
6 undue delay. The decision must state whether the transfer of
8 deposits is proper according to the requirements of this
10 section. The decision must be based on the hearing record and
12 rules adopted by the commissioner. The decision must inform the
14 obligor that the obligor may appeal the decision to the Superior
16 Court within 30 days of the date of the decision. The department
18 shall send an attested copy of the decision to the obligor by
20 regular mail to the obligor's last known address.

22 **8. Appeal to Superior Court.** The Superior Court may hear
24 and determine on appeal any issues raised at an administrative
26 hearing held pursuant to subsection 6.

28 **9. Confidentiality.** The information provided to financial
30 institutions by the department is confidential. The information
32 may be used only for the purpose of carrying out the requirements
34 of this section. Unauthorized use of information is a civil
36 violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed \$1,000 may be
38 adjudged.

40 **10. Immunity from liability; hold harmless.** A financial
42 institution that complies with the requirements of this section
44 is immune from liability. The department shall defend and hold
46 harmless a financial institution that complies with the
48 requirements of this section.

11. Rulemaking. The department shall adopt rules to
 implement its responsibilities under this section.

PART D

Sec. D-1. 19 MRSA §500, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 532,
 §3, is amended to read:

3. Demand for immediate payment. If the commissioner finds
 that the collection of any support debt accrued or accruing under
 section 495 is in jeopardy, the commissioner may make demand
 under subsection 1 for immediate payment of the support debt,
 and, upon failure or refusal immediately to pay, the commissioner
 may file and serve liens pursuant to section 503 ~~503-A~~. No
 action under sections 504, 506 and 507 may be taken until the
 notice requirements of subsection 1 are met.

Sec. D-2. 19 MRSA §503, as amended by PL 1993, c. 607, §9, is
 repealed.

2 **Sec. D-3. 19 MRSA §503-A** is enacted to read:

4 **§503-A. Liens**

6 Twenty-one days after receipt by a responsible parent of a
8 notice of debt under section 500 or a decision of the department
10 that requires the responsible parent to pay child support, the
12 amount stated in the notice of debt or in the decision is a
14 judgment in favor of the department, the obligee, or both. The
 judgment is a lien against all property of the responsible
 parent. The lien is separate from and in addition to a lien
 filed under this section.

16 **1. Filing.** For real property, a lien is perfected when a
18 notice of support lien is filed in the registry of deeds of the
20 county or counties in which the real property is located at the
22 time of filing or may be located at any time in the future. For
24 motor vehicles or other items for which a certificate of
26 ownership is issued by the Secretary of State, the lien is
 perfected when a notice of support lien is delivered to the
 Secretary of State. The notice of support lien must state the
 name and address of the responsible parent, the amount of the
 child support debt accrued, the date of the decision or notice of
 debt by which the debt was assessed and the name and address of
 the authorized agent of the department who issues the notice.

28 **2. Effect.** A person who knows of a support lien may not
30 pay over, release, sell, transfer, encumber or convey property
 that may be subject to the lien, unless:

32 A. The commissioner waives or releases the lien in writing;
34 or

36 B. A court of competent jurisdiction orders a release.

38 **3. Warrant for distraint.** A lien under this section may be
40 enforced or collected through a warrant for distraint under
 section 774-B.

42 **Sec. D-4. 19 MRSA §504, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1975, c.
 532, §3, is amended to read:

44 A. A lien has been filed pursuant to section 503 ~~503-A~~; or

46 **Sec. D-5. 19 MRSA §504, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 532,
48 §3, is amended to read:

50 **3. Order; contents.** The order to withhold and deliver shall
 must state the amount of the support debt accrued and accruing

2 and the terms of sections 503 503-A and 509 and shall demand a
listing of property, including wages, which that is due or
4 belongs to the responsible parent.

6 **Sec. D-6. 19 MRSA §506, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 532,
§3, is amended to read:

8 **1. Seizure and surrender.** Whenever a lien has been filed
pursuant to section 503 503-A, the commissioner may collect the
10 debt stated in the lien by seizing, if this can be done without
breach of the peace, or demanding surrender of, any property
12 subject to the lien and disposing of it.

14 **Sec. D-7. 19 MRSA §507, sub-§§1 and 2**, as amended by PL 1985,
c. 652, §35, are further amended to read:

16 **1. Liens on real property.** Actions to foreclose liens on
18 real property filed under section 503 503-A may be brought in the
county where the lien is filed pursuant to the procedures of
20 Title 14, chapter 403, subchapter II.

22 **2. Liens on personal property.** Actions to foreclose liens
on personal property filed under section 503 503-A may be brought
24 in the county where the lien is filed pursuant to the procedures
of Title 14, chapter 509, subchapter III.

26 **Sec. D-8. 19 MRSA §774-B** is enacted to read:

28 **§774-B. Warrant for distraint**

30 **1. Execution of support liens.** The Department of Human
32 Services may issue a warrant for distraint to execute a support
lien established under section 503-A or to enforce and collect
34 any money judgment assessed under this chapter, chapter 5 or
chapter 7. A warrant for distraint has the same effect as a writ
36 of execution issued by the District Court or the Superior Court.

38 **2. Order.** A warrant for distraint must be an order, under
official seal of the Department of Human Services, directed to a
40 county sheriff or a levying officer authorized by law to enforce
a District Court or Superior Court judgment. The order must
42 command the recipient of the warrant to levy upon and sell
nonexempt real and personal property of an obligor to satisfy the
44 support lien upon which the warrant is based.

46 **3. Content of warrant.** A warrant for distraint must be
signed by the Commissioner of Human Services or the
48 commissioner's designee. The warrant must be for the amount of
the support lien or the amount of any other money obligation
50 determined under this chapter, including interest and fees, if
any.

2 **4. Sheriff or levying officer.** A warrant for distraint may
4 be sent by the Department of Human Services to a county sheriff
6 or levying officer. Upon receipt of the warrant, the sheriff or
8 levying officer shall proceed to execute the warrant in the same
10 manner as prescribed for execution of a judgment. A sheriff or
12 levying officer shall return the warrant, along with any funds
14 collected, to the department within 90 days of the receipt of the
16 warrant. Funds resulting from execution of the warrant must
 first be applied to the sheriff's or levying officer's costs, any
 superior liens, the support lien or any other money obligation
 and any inferior liens. Any amounts in excess of this
 distribution must be paid to the obligor. If the warrant is
 returned not fully satisfied, the department has the same
 remedies to collect the deficiency as are available for any civil
 judgment.

18 **5. Notice of lien not required.** A county sheriff's or
20 levying officer's levy against real and personal property of the
22 obligor is not limited to property of the obligor that is in the
 possession of persons or other entities given notice of a support
 lien under section 503-A.

24 **6. Release.** Upon receiving payment in full of the warrant
26 amount plus fees and costs, if any, and accumulated interest, the
28 Department of Human Services shall release the warrant for
30 distrain. Upon receiving partial payment of the warrant amount
32 or if the department determines that a release or partial release
34 of the warrant will facilitate the collection of the unpaid
 amount, fees, costs and interest, the department may release or
 may partially release the warrant for distraint. The department
 shall release the warrant if it determines the warrant is
 unenforceable.

36 **7. Right to redeem.** An obligor or other person or entity
38 having an interest in real or personal property levied upon by a
40 warrant for distraint at any time prior to sale of the property
42 may pay the amount of the support lien or other money obligation
44 and any costs incurred by the county sheriff or levying officer
 serving the warrant. Upon payment in full, the property must be
 restored to the obligor or other person or entity having an
 interest in that property and all proceedings on the warrant must
 cease.

46 **8. Right to redeem after sale.** An obligor or other person
48 or entity having an interest in real property levied upon and
50 sold by a county sheriff or levying officer pursuant to a warrant
 for distraint may, within 240 days after sale of the property,
 redeem the property by making payment to the purchaser in the
 amount paid by the purchaser plus interest at the statutory

2 interest rate payable on judgments recovered in the District
Court and the Superior Court.

4 9. Release not a bar to other action. At any time after
6 distrain of property under a warrant for distraint, the
8 Department of Human Services may release all or part of the
10 seized property without liability if payment of the support lien
12 or other money obligation is assured or if the release will
facilitate collection of the support lien or money obligation.
The release or return of the property does not prevent future
action to collect the warrant amount from that property or other
property.

14 10. Statute of limitations. The Department of Human
16 Services may issue a warrant for distraint to collect a support
18 lien or other money obligation under this chapter, chapter 5 or
chapter 7 at any time within the statutory limitation period for
enforcing and collecting child support amounts.

20 11. Additional remedies. The use of a warrant for
22 distrain is not exclusive and the Department of Human Services
24 may use any other remedy provided by law for the collection of
child support.

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

28 Part A makes the following changes to the laws governing Aid
30 to Families with Dependent Children.

32 1. It changes the name of the Bureau of Income Maintenance
34 to the Bureau of Family Independence and changes the name of the
36 ASPIRE program from Additional Support for People in Retraining
and Education to Additional Support for People in Retraining and
Employment.

38 2. It directs the Department of Human Services to apply for
40 a waiver from the Federal Government in order to make changes in
42 the Aid to Families with Dependent Children and ASPIRE-JOBS
44 programs. The changes result in a program that establishes new
46 goals for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program
48 that emphasize the temporary nature of welfare payments and
50 assist the caretaker relative to make decisions and obtain the
skills that lead to employability. Some adults are expected to
perform work search activities as soon as eligibility for Aid to
Families with Dependent Children is determined and throughout
their receipt of Aid to Families with Dependent Children
benefits. All adult caretakers who do not have children under
age 2 or are not disabled or caring for a disabled household
member or are under age 60 and dependent children between the

2 ages of 16 and 18 who are not attending school full time are
required to participate in the ASPIRE-JOBS program.

4 Within 90 days of the determination of eligibility, the
6 ASPIRE-JOBS participant participates in the Orientation Phase,
during which the individual and the department develop an
8 employability plan that outlines the steps each party will take
to assist the individual in becoming more employable.

10 Following the Orientation Phase, the recipient of Aid to Families
12 with Dependent Children benefits who is determined to need
education, training or treatment in order to become employable
14 enters the Education, Training and Treatment Phase, which may not
last longer than 2 years.

16 Work search activities may be required during each phase of the
program.

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20 At the completion of the Education, Training and Treatment Phase,
the recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits
22 enters the Workforce Phase. The department must apply for a
waiver to allow ASPIRE-Plus, an on-the-job training program, as
24 an alternative placement for up to 1,000 workforce participants
in the former Project Opportunity sites. The department is
instructed to withdraw its Project Opportunity waiver request.
26 During this phase, the Aid to Families with Dependent Children
grant is replaced with a work-related expense reimbursement. The
28 recipient is assigned to a workforce site for 20 hours per week
as a condition of eligibility. State agencies and those
30 receiving funds from the State are required to provide sites for
workforce participants.

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34 3. The bill changes the premium payment for transitional
child care and transitional Medicaid, adjusts the reporting
36 periods and provides these services for families that have
received Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits for one
out of the last 3 months.

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40 4. The determination of the grant amount in the Aid to
Families with Dependent Children program is changed to require
42 deduction of all income from the maximum grant amount for the
family size. An additional deduction is made from earned income.

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46 5. The bill directs the Department of Labor, the Department
of Education, the Department of Mental Health and Mental
Retardation, the President of the Maine Technical College System,
48 the Director of the Office of Substance Abuse and the Department
of Human Services to work cooperatively in order to implement
welfare reform measures. The Department of Human Services and
50 the Department of Education are directed to develop a curriculum

2 to dissuade teens from becoming parents and provide parenting
skills for those teenagers who do become parents.

4 6. The bill directs all state agencies funding alcohol or
drug rehabilitation programs or providing transportation or child
6 care services to serve recipients of Aid to Families with
Dependent Children first.

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10 7. The bill establishes a committee to examine ways to
bring more conformity into public assistance programs.

12 8. The bill requires that any funds realized in the Aid to
Families with Dependent Children program be transferred to the
14 ASPIRE-JOBS account.

16 9. The bill establishes trafficking in food stamp benefits
as a crime.

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20 10. The bill adjusts the Project Opportunity Waiver to
incorporate the ASPIRE-Plus project.

22 11. The bill provides for voucher payments to custodial
parents who have not attained the age of 20 years.

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26 Part B provides a mechanism to allow facilities that provide
childbirth services to encourage voluntary acknowledgments of
paternity.

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30 Part C allows the department to require financial
institutions to compare information about individuals who owe
overdue child support to information about depositors and
32 provides for the transfer of funds from an individual who has
such a debt to the department.

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36 Part D allows the department to issue a warrant for
distrain to execute a support lien.