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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1394, L.D. 1895, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Department of Human Services to Accept Federal Funds and to Make Certain Expenditures"

Amend the bill in Part A by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. A-3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Other Special Revenue funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997 to carry out the purposes of this Part.

1996-97

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Social Services

All Other \$2,213,027

Notwithstanding Public Law 1995, chapter 665, Part U, section 1, provides for the allocation of funds from Maximus-related initiatives, other than targeted case management, for the Maine Automated Child Welfare System, MACWIS.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Child Welfare Services

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All Other 500
Provides a base allocation to pay Maximus fee obligations.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
TOTAL \$2,213,527

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 2 in the 5th line (page 3, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "allocation" the following: 'and certain related Other Special Revenue allocation' and in the 8th line (page 3, line 9 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "funds" the following: ', except that authority to expend funds on the pass-through of child support funds terminates on April 1, 1997'

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 3 in the last line (page 3, line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "rules" the following: ', except that authority to expend funds on the pass-through of child support funds and legal immigrant families terminates on April 1, 1997'

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 4 in the last line (page 3, line 37 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "by" and inserting in its place the following: 'no later than'

Further amend the bill in Part B by striking out all of section 5 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. B-5. Allocations. The following funds are allocated from the Federal Block Grant Funds under the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 Federal Block Grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997 to carry out the purposes of this Part.

ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF

Human Services Division

Unallocated \$5,049

Provides for the allocation of funds pursuant to the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The Attorney General shall recommend to the State Budget Officer the amounts, by line category,

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1394, L.D. 1895

2 related to the federal Personal
3 Responsibility and Work Opportunity
4 Reconciliation Act of 1996. The State
5 Budget Officer shall distribute those
6 amounts to the recommended line category as
7 allocated adjustments.

8 **DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**
9 **TOTAL** \$5,049

12 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

14 **Departmentwide**

16 Unallocated \$44,627,128

18 Provides for the allocation of funds
19 pursuant to the federal Personal
20 Responsibility and Work Opportunity
21 Reconciliation Act of 1996. The
22 Commissioner of Human Services shall
23 recommend to the State Budget Officer the
24 amounts that apply to each Federal Block
25 Grant Program in the Department of Human
26 Services related to the federal Personal
27 Responsibility and Work Opportunity
28 Reconciliation Act of 1996. The State
29 Budget Officer shall apply those amounts
30 against each Federal Block Grant Program in
31 the Department of Human Services as
32 allocated adjustments.

34 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**
35 **TOTAL** \$44,627,128

36 **SECTION B-5**
37 **TOTAL** \$44,632,177

40 Further amend the bill in Part B in section 6 in the 2nd
41 line (page 4, line 28 in L.D.) by inserting after the following:
42 "Fund" the following: ', Other Special Revenue'

44 Further amend the bill by inserting before the emergency
45 clause the following:

46 **PART C**

48 **Sec. C-1. 5 MRSA §1669-A** is enacted to read:
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§1669-A. Block grants

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1. Procedure for changes. Any change from federal categorical grants to federal block grants may not be implemented on the state level without recommendations from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and approval by the Legislature.

2. Allocation. Expenditures may not be made from any block grants unless allocation of such funds is recommended by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and approved by the Legislature.

3. Reductions. If actual receipt of funds from any block grants is less or is anticipated to be less than the amount allocated, such reduction must immediately be reported to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs, which shall recommend any necessary changes in the allocations and appropriations to a special session of the Legislature, or if such reductions are determined to be manageable in the time between sessions to the next regular session of the Legislature.

Sec. C-2. Effective date. This Part takes effect February 1, 1997.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved, except as otherwise indicated.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

1996-97

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

Other Funds \$53,749,417

Part A of the bill provides a Federal Expenditure Fund allocation of \$6,903,713 in fiscal year 1996-97 and an Other Special Revenue allocation of \$2,213,027 in fiscal year 1996-97 to the Department of Human Services. The exact amount of revenue

2 associated with the 2 allocations can not be determined at this
time and will depend on the amount of Maximus-related revenue, if
4 any, that is generated and available for this purpose. Since
these funds would otherwise accrue to a Federal Expenditure Fund
6 account within the Department of Administrative and Financial
Services, the Maximus Fund, any amount of revenue available for
8 this Other Special Revenue allocation to the Department of Human
Services represents a corresponding reduction of revenue to the
Maximus Fund. It also provides a base Other Special Revenue
10 allocation of \$500 in fiscal year 1996-97 in the Child Welfare
Services program to allow the department to pay applicable
12 Maximus fees, if any.

14 Part B of the bill provides a block grant allocation of
\$44,627,128 to the Department of Human Services and \$5,049 for
16 the Department of the Attorney General for the newly authorized
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant, but
18 is identified as funds pursuant to the federal Personal
Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.
20 The Department of Human Services estimates an additional
\$18,000,000 on an annual basis due to the conversion to the TANF
22 Block Grant, with a portion of that amount, approximately
\$1,000,000, to be used to continue the pass-through of child
24 support through April 1, 1997. It also requires that the
department maintain all state welfare programs authorized on the
26 effective date of Part B of the bill. The bill requires the
department to support the cost of those programs within the
28 limitations of the Block Grant Allocation. The exact cost of
continuing certain state welfare programs can not be determined
30 at this time and will depend on the date of federal approval and
on the specific state welfare programs that must be maintained
32 pursuant to Part B, Section 3 of the bill.'

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36 **SUMMARY**

38 This amendment authorizes the Department of Human Services
to maintain current state law and rules on pass-through of child
40 support funds and legal immigrant families until April 1, 1997.
It reinstates statutory language inadvertently repealed in Public
42 Law 1995, chapter 591 and makes several technical changes to the
bill. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.