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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 407, L.D. 1302, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Amend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3762, sub-§15 is enacted to read:**

**15. Conditions of continued assistance.** The following provisions apply to families that have received assistance for more than 60 months.

A. A family in which an adult has received benefits for 60 months may continue to receive TANF assistance as long as the adult members of the family comply in all respects with TANF program rules, except that the department may not consider the need of an adult for whom 3 or more sanctions have been imposed under TANF while that person was an adult or minor parent until the adult has served a penalty period equal to the length of the last penalty period imposed. A penalty period under this paragraph may not be imposed on a family that has experienced domestic violence, as defined in PROWRA, Section 408(a)(7)(C)(iii), that has a member with an illness or incapacity, or when the department determines that good cause exists, in accordance with rules adopted by the department.

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2 An adult subject to a penalty period under this subsection  
4 must comply with all TANF requirements during the penalty  
6 period including participation in ASPIRE-TANF unless exempt  
8 or subject to the good cause provisions of section 3785.

10 B. If an adult in a family receiving assistance 60 months  
12 or longer fails to comply with TANF program rules without  
14 good cause, as used in chapters 1053-B and 1054-A and  
16 department rule, sanctions may be imposed in accordance with  
18 rules uniformly applicable to all families receiving TANF  
20 benefits.

22 C. At the time a family applies for TANF benefits and at  
24 least annually thereafter, the department shall notify the  
26 applicant or recipient of the requirements for receiving  
28 benefits beyond 60 months.

30 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical  
32 rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

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

38 **FISCAL NOTE**

40 This bill is not expected to have any significant net impact  
42 on the cost to the Department of Human Services in future fiscal  
years.

The additional costs associated with adopting rules can be  
absorbed by the department utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

36 **SUMMARY**

38 This amendment replaces the bill. It allows recipients of  
40 assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families  
42 program to receive assistance for longer than 60 months when the  
family complies with the requirements of TANF and ASPIRE-TANF.  
It also adds a fiscal note.