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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1258, L.D. 1812, Bill, "An Act to Require the Development of a Basic Needs Budget"

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

'Resolve, to Require the Development of a Basic Needs Budget'

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

'Sec. 1. Resolve 1997, c. 36, §1, last sentence, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 1997, c. 36, §1, last sentence, is amended to read:

The report must include information on poverty among children and adults, regional differences in poverty rates and indicators, conditions responsible for changes from the prior year, expectations for the coming year and the economic condition of the State's communities.; and be it further

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Sec. 2. Resolve 1997, c. 36, §2, enacted. Resolved: That Resolve 1997, c. 36, §2, is enacted to read:

Sec. 2. Basic needs budget. Resolved: That the Executive Department, State Planning Office, in cooperation with the Department of Human Services, shall develop and publish an annual basic needs budget for a single parent with 2 children that includes the following expenditure categories: housing,

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2 transportation, child care, health care insurance and
3 out-of-pocket health care expenses, clothing, food, personal care
4 and recreation. This annual basic needs budget must include a
5 brief description of the expense assumptions used for each of the
6 expenditure categories and a calculation of the annual, monthly,
7 weekly and hourly income needed to meet this basic needs budget.

8 ; and be it further

10 **Sec. 3. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
11 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
12 this resolve.

14 1999-00

16 **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

18 **State Planning Office**

20 All Other \$2,500

22 Provides funds for the costs associated with
23 adding additional questions to a survey
24 conducted for the Department of Education.
25 These questions will provide information to
26 develop a basic needs budget.'

28 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
29 summary the following:

32 **FISCAL NOTE**

34 1999-00

36 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

38 General Fund \$2,500

40 The State Planning Office will incur additional costs to
41 develop a basic needs budget. An additional General Fund
42 appropriation of \$2,500 in fiscal year 1999-00 is included to
43 fund the additional cost associated with adding questions to an
44 existing survey conducted for the Department of Education in
45 order to get initial baseline information to develop the basic
46 needs budget. The ongoing costs associated with updating the
47 basic needs budget can be absorbed by the State Planning Office
48 and the Department of Human Services utilizing existing budgeted
49 resources.

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2 The amounts appropriated are based on the continuation of
3 this Department of Education survey in fiscal year 1999-00. The
4 Legislature is currently considering several proposals that
5 affect the school funding distribution formula and that may
6 eliminate the need for this survey. If the survey is not
7 conducted for the Department of Education, a new survey will need
8 to be developed and funded by the State Planning Office. The
9 amount of the additional appropriations required can not be
10 determined at this time.'

12 **SUMMARY**

14 This amendment turns the original legislative document into
15 a resolve. It directs the Executive Department, State Planning
16 Office to develop a basic needs budget in cooperation with the
17 Department of Human Services. The amendment also adds an
18 appropriation and a fiscal note.'