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State and Local Government

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6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 122ND LEGISLATURE
8 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1286, L.D. 1846, Bill, "An Act To
10 Streamline Criteria for Municipal General Assistance for Heating and Utility Assistance
11 "

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

13 **'Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To**
14 **Establish a Working Group To Examine Ways for Municipalities To**
15 **Distribute More Heating Assistance'**

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

18 **'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to establish a**
19 **working group to examine ways for municipalities to distribute more heating**
20 **assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall
21 establish a working group to examine ways for municipalities to provide additional
22 heating assistance for low-income individuals, including through the municipal general
23 assistance program, particularly during periods of unmet need under the federal Low
24 Income Heating Assistance Program. For the purposes of the study, "low-income
25 individuals" means persons eligible for the federal Low Income Heating Assistance
26 Program. The working group must include representatives from each of the agencies and
27 organizations on the general assistance committee established in Resolve 2003, chapter
28 116 as well as at least one representative from the Maine State Housing Authority and at
29 least one representative from community action programs. The working group may also
30 include any other persons or representatives of organizations determined appropriate by
31 the department; and be it further

32 **Sec. 2. Report and recommendations. Resolved:** That the Department of
33 Health and Human Services shall report its findings under section 1 and
34 recommendations, including suggested legislation if appropriate, to the joint standing
35 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters
36 no later than December 15, 2006; and be it further



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An Act To Streamline Criteria for Municipal General Assistance for Heating and Utility Assistance

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services in implementing this bill can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing budget resources.