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14	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 122ND LEGISLATURE
16	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1294, L.D. 1854, Bill, "An
20	Act To Expand the Alternative Aid Program"
22	Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of
24	subsection 8 and inserting in its place the following:
	'8. Alternative aid. Toassistapplicantswhoseek
26	short-termassistancetoobtainorretainemployment,the department-shall-pay-one-time-voucher-payments-of-up-to-3-times
28	the-monthly-TANF-grant-for-which-the-family-is-eligible. The
30	department shall provide alternative aid to applicants who seek short-term assistance in order to obtain or retain employment. The applicants must meet the eligibility requirements established
32	by rule adopted pursuant to section 3762, subsection 3, paragraph A. The alternative aid may not exceed 3 times the value of the
34	monthly TANF grant for which the applicant's family is eligible.
36	An eligible applicant may receive alternative aid no more than once during any 12-month period. If the family reapplies for TANE within 2 months of receiving alternative aid the family
38	TANF within 3 months of receiving alternative aid, the family must shall repay any alternative aid received in excess of the
40	amount that the family would have received on TANF. The method of repayment must be the same as that used for the repayment of
	unintentional overpayments in the TANF program.'
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# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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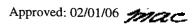
### SUMMARY

Like the bill, this amendment changes the availability of alternative aid from a once-in-a-lifetime benefit to an annual benefit that eligible applicants may receive in order to obtain or retain employment. The amendment clarifies that the eligibility criteria are set forth in rules of the Department of Health and Human Services, that the value of the aid cannot exceed 3 times the value of monthly TANF benefit for which the applicant's family is eligible and that an eligible applicant may receive the benefit once during any 12-month period.

### FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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## **122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE**

LD 1854

LR 3006(02)

An Act to Expand the Alternative Aid Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A'' Committee: Health and Human Services Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### **Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Additional costs that may result from the expanded utilization of alternative aid assistance are expected to be offset by a reduction in the utilization of assistance under the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program.