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House of Representatives, January 3, 2006

### **An Act To Expand the Alternative Aid Program**

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Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 28, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLCENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.  
Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc and  
Representatives: ASH of Belfast, BURNS of Berwick, PINGREE of North Haven, Senator:  
ROSEN of Hancock.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

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**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3763, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

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**8. Alternative aid.** To assist applicants who seek short-term assistance to obtain or retain employment, the department shall pay ~~one-time~~ voucher payments of up to 3 times the monthly TANF grant for which the family is eligible. An application for alternative aid assistance for the family may be approved only once during any calendar year. If the family reapplies for TANF within 3 months of receiving alternative aid, the family must repay any alternative aid received in excess of the 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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**SUMMARY**

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This bill increases the availability of alternative aid assistance in connection with the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program from once to once per calendar year in order to assist families who seek short-term assistance to obtain or retain employment.