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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 61, L.D. 78, Bill, "An Act To Expand Transitional Assistance for Families"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3762, sub-§8, ¶B, as amended by PL 2009, c. 291, §6, is further amended to read:

B. The department shall provide limited transitional transportation benefits to meet employment-related costs to ASPIRE-TANF program participants who lose eligibility for TANF assistance due to employment. The department may also make transitional transportation benefits available to families in which one or both adults are working and who, although they remain financially eligible for TANF benefits, request that their benefits be terminated. Benefits may be provided for up to 12 months following loss of TANF eligibility. The department may adopt rules that impose a weekly limit on available transitional transportation benefits and that require a contribution from each participant toward the cost of transportation.

Sec. 2. Rules on transitional transportation assistance. The Department of Health and Human Services shall amend the rules on transitional transportation assistance for families who lose eligibility for benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program due to increased employment income. The amended rules must allow those families up to one year after termination from TANF assistance to apply for transitional transportation assistance. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment allows the Department of Health and Human Services to make transitional transportation benefits available to families in which one or both adults are working and who, although they remain financially eligible

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for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits, request that their benefits be terminated. The amendment directs the department to adopt rules on transitional transportation assistance for families who lose eligibility for benefits under the TANF program due to increased employment income. The amended rules must allow those families up to one year after termination from TANF assistance to apply for transitional transportation assistance. The rules are designated as routine technical rules.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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An Act To Expand Transitional Assistance for Families

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-69)
Committee: Health and Human Services
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Federal Block Grant Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.