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# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1286

House of Representatives, February 27, 2014

**An Act To Cancel the No-bid Alexander Group Contract To  
Produce Savings in Fiscal Year 2013-14**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, STUCKEY of Portland, Senator: LACHOWICZ of  
Kennebec.

1           **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not  
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3           **Whereas,** in September 2013, the Alexander Group, Inc. was retained by the  
4 Department of Health and Human Services to perform a comprehensive review of the  
5 safety net programs administered by the department; and

6           **Whereas,** in January 2014, the Alexander Group, Inc. released the first phase of its  
7 study, a report on the feasibility of Medicaid expansion, and has received a portion of the  
8 funds originally contemplated for the entire project; and

9           **Whereas,** this legislation proposes to deappropriate and deallocate the unexpended  
10 funds that are encumbered for this project, thus making them instead available to pay for  
11 much-needed services for the citizens of the State in fiscal year 2013-14; and

12           **Whereas,** in order to make these funds available before the close of fiscal year  
13 2013-14, it is necessary for this legislation to take effect immediately; and

14           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
15 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
16 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
17 therefore,

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

19           **Sec. 1. Expenditure prohibited; legislative intent.** The Department of Health  
20 and Human Services may not expend or transfer during fiscal years 2013-14 or 2014-15  
21 any state, federal or other funds to the Alexander Group, Inc. or its successor for the  
22 performance of a comprehensive evaluation of the safety net programs administered by  
23 the department or a review or analysis of the department's programs, processes, practices  
24 or potential reforms or for any other consulting services. The Legislature intends by this  
25 Act to eliminate legal authority for the Department of Health and Human Services and the  
26 State to expend funds for the performance of the September 2013 agreement or a  
27 successor agreement with the Alexander Group, Inc. and to deappropriate and deallocate  
28 funds consistent with section 22 of Rider B of that agreement.

29           **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
30 allocations are made.

31           **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)**

32           **Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

33 Initiative: Deappropriates and deallocates unexpended funds for the contract between the  
34 Department of Health and Human Services and the Alexander Group, Inc. encumbered on  
35 September 30, 2013.

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1	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
2	All Other	(\$89,100)	\$0
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$89,100)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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6	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
7	All Other	(\$89,100)	\$0
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9	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$89,100)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
10	<b>Office of the Commissioner 0142</b>		
11	Initiative: Deappropriates and deallocates unexpended funds for the contract between the		
12	Department of Health and Human Services and the Alexander Group, Inc. encumbered on		
13	September 30, 2013.		
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15	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
16	All Other	(\$175,296)	\$0
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18	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$175,296)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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20	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
21	All Other	(\$144,033)	\$0
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23	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$144,033)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
24	<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138</b>		
25	Initiative: Deappropriates and deallocates unexpended funds for the contract between the		
26	Department of Health and Human Services and the Alexander Group, Inc. encumbered on		
27	September 30, 2013.		
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29	<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
30	All Other	(\$49,270)	\$0
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32	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$49,270)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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34	<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,</b>		
35	<b>DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)</b>		
36	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
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