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L.D. 1402  
(Filing No. H-421)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 951, L.D. 1402, Bill, "An Act To Reward Work Performed by Welfare Recipients".

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3736, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Application; effective date. If an applicant for child care programs administered under this chapter is determined eligible, child care assistance must be provided retroactively to the date of application.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138

Initiative: Provides funding to families with income less than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines by placing funds in family development accounts.

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138

Initiative: Provides funding to revise the earnings from employment the Department of Health and Human Services disregards when determining benefit levels for recipients under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 951, L.D. 1402

1	<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
2	All Other	\$834,987	\$1,113,316
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4	<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$834,987</u>	<u>\$1,113,316</u>

5 **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138**  
6 Initiative: Provides funding to increase the number of months eligible individuals may  
7 receive transitional transportation benefits from 12 months to 18 months.

8	<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
9	All Other	\$581,908	\$775,878
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11	<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$581,908</u>	<u>\$775,878</u>

12	<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,</b>		
13	<b>DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)</b>		
14	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
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16	<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$1,916,895</b>	<b>\$2,389,194</b>
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18	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$1,916,895</b></u>	<u><b>\$2,389,194</b></u>
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20 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
21 section number to read consecutively.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, provides that if an  
24 applicant for child care programs is determined eligible, child care assistance must be  
25 provided retroactively to the date of application. The amendment adds an appropriations  
26 and allocations section.

27 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

28 (See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



Approved: 06/12/15 *MRC*

# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1402

LR 2006(03)

## An Act To Reward Work Performed by Welfare Recipients

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *B(H-421)*

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$1,916,895	\$2,389,194	\$2,389,194	\$2,389,194
<b>Revenue</b>				
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$1,916,895	\$2,389,194	\$2,389,194	\$2,389,194

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a Federal Block Grant Fund allocation to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) of \$1,916,895 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$2,389,194 in fiscal year 2016-17 to increase payments to recipients from revising the earnings from employment the DHHS disregards when determining benefit levels for recipients under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, to increase the number of months eligible individuals may receive transitional transportation benefits from 12 months to 18 months and to promote financial literacy and healthy saving habits of families with income less than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines by placing funds in family development accounts. Any additional cost from making child care assistance retroactive to the application date is expected to be minor and absorbed within existing budgeted resources.