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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

128TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 343, L.D. 480, Bill, "An Act To Prioritize Access by Maine's Most Vulnerable Citizens to Welfare Resources"

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §20 is enacted to read:

§20. Workforce development program for legal immigrants

1. Program established. A workforce development program for legal immigrants, referred to in this section as "the program," is established to reduce barriers to employment faced by legal immigrants. The program must provide the following workforce development services to legal immigrants in this State lawfully residing in the United States:

A. English language classes for adults and children;

B. Citizenship classes;

C. Financial literacy classes for adults; and

D. Training and support for adults and children seeking employment.

2. Administration. The department may contract with an entity that is best suited to administer this program. Administration of the program includes determining eligibility for the program and providing the services specified in subsection 1. The department may disburse funds appropriated or allocated to the program to the entity with which it has contracted to administer the program.

3. Rulemaking. The department may adopt rules to implement the program. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

Amend the bill by adding after section 3 the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
2 allocations are made.

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

4 **Food Supplement Administration Z019**

5 Initiative: Reduces appropriations by eliminating state-funded Supplemental Nutrition
6 Assistance Program benefits for noncitizens who do not meet federal eligibility
7 requirements.

8	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
9	All Other	(\$904,593)	(\$1,206,124)
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11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$904,593)</u>	<u>(\$1,206,124)</u>

12 **State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income 0131**

13 Initiative: Reduces appropriations by eliminating state-funded cash benefits to
14 noncitizens who do not meet federal eligibility requirements.

15	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
16	All Other	(\$885,209)	(\$1,180,279)
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18	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$885,209)</u>	<u>(\$1,180,279)</u>

19 **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138**

20 Initiative: Reduces appropriations by eliminating Temporary Assistance for Needy
21 Families benefits for noncitizens who do not meet federal eligibility requirements.

22	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
23	All Other	(\$436,810)	(\$582,414)
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25	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$436,810)</u>	<u>(\$582,414)</u>

26 **Workforce Development for Legal Immigrants Program N254**

27 Initiative: Provides funding for the department to contract with an entity to administer the
28 workforce development for legal immigrants program.

29	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
30	All Other	\$2,226,612	\$2,968,817
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32	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,226,612</u>	<u>\$2,968,817</u>

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

2017-18 2018-19

GENERAL FUND

\$0 \$0

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

\$0 \$0

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It creates a workforce development program to provide to legal immigrants English language classes, citizenship classes, financial literacy classes and training and support for adults and children seeking employment. It permits the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with an entity best suited to administer this program and allows the department to adopt rules to implement the program. The amendment provides for funding to implement the program.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 480

LR 605(02)

An Act To Prioritize Access by Maine's Most Vulnerable Citizens to Welfare Resources

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-302)*
Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$2,226,612 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$2,968,817 in fiscal year 2018-19 for the department to contract with an entity to administer the workforce development for legal immigrants program.

The bill also includes a reduction to General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$2,226,612 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$2,968,817 in fiscal year 2018-19 from eliminating state-funded cash benefits, state-funded Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits and state-funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to noncitizens who do not meet federal eligibility requirements.