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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

128TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1193, L.D. 1713, Bill, "An Act To Improve Housing Support in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program"

Amend the bill in section 1 in the indented paragraph in the 7th line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "The" and inserting the following: 'A program participant shall accept a Section 8 voucher when it becomes available. Beginning July 1, 2018, the'

Amend the bill in section 1 in the indented paragraph in the 8th line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the housing" and inserting the following: 'a housing'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. Implementation. The Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure that a person participating in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program does not lose assistance under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3011 as a result of the department requiring the person to contribute toward rent the same amount that is required of a participant in a housing voucher program administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act of 1937, Public Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bridging Rental Assistance Program Z205

Initiative: Provides funding to allow a participant in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program to contribute the same amount toward rent that is required of a participant in a housing voucher program administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act of 1937, Public Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
2	All Other	\$0	\$1,542,416
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,542,416</u>
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SUMMARY

7 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, requires that
8 participants in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program accept a Section 8 voucher when
9 it becomes available. The amendment provides a start date of July 1, 2018 for the
10 requirement in the bill that the Department of Health and Human Services require a
11 program participant to contribute the same amount toward rent that is required of a
12 participant in a housing voucher program administered by the United States Department
13 of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act of 1937, Public
14 Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8. It directs the Department of Health and Human
15 Services to ensure that no program participants lose assistance during the transition to the
16 new contribution amount. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 1713

LR 2748(02)

An Act To Improve Housing Support in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A. (H-663)*
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	\$1,542,416	\$1,542,416	\$1,542,416
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,542,416	\$1,542,416	\$1,542,416

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$1,542,416 beginning in fiscal year 2018-19 to allow a participant in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program to contribute the same amount toward rent that is required of a participant in the housing voucher program administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act of 1937, Public Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8. Currently, participants contribute more than what is required in the federal program and reducing the participant share will require the State to make up the difference.