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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1019, L.D. 1404, "Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Request a Waiver Relating to Support Services and To Provide Funds To Prevent Homelessness"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Provide Support Services and Funds To Prevent Homelessness'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to examine opportunities to provide services to individuals experiencing homelessness, including a Section 1915(i) state plan amendment option. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall examine opportunities available pursuant to a state plan amendment option under Section 1915(i) of the federal Social Security Act as well as any other Medicaid-funded mechanism that may be appropriate to provide home and community-based services to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than February 1, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report its progress on identifying opportunities to provide services to individuals experiencing homelessness and any waiver applications or other appropriate mechanism pursuant to section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Temporary Housing Assistance Program 0714

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to assist low-income individuals to become stable tenants.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000

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

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the Department of Health and Human Services is required to examine opportunities to provide home and community-based services to individuals experiencing homelessness using a state plan amendment option under Section 1915(i) of the federal Social Security Act or any other Medicaid-funded mechanism that may be appropriate. It requires the department to report its progress in examining options and submitting a waiver to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The amendment also corrects the appropriations and allocations section to reflect funding from the Temporary Housing Assistance Fund and changes the initiative language to be more consistent with the statute governing the fund.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1404

LR 330(02)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-368)*

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$500,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 to the Temporary Housing Assistance Fund within the Maine State Housing Authority to assist low-income individuals to become stable tenants.

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services to examine opportunities to provide home and community based services to individuals experiencing homelessness and reporting back to the legislature are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.