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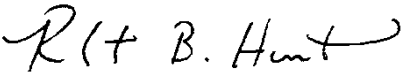
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H.P. 1143

House of Representatives, April 16, 2019

An Act To Restore County Tax Appropriation Integrity

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §6110**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §43, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **§6110. Designation of priority social services**

5 The following types of social services are designated as priority social services for
6 payment of expenditures from state funds appropriated to carry out the purposes of this
7 chapter:

8 Homemaker -- Health Aide Services;

9 Developmental Day Care, including Family Day Care;

10 Services for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism;

11 Mental Health Services;

12 Transportation Services intended to provide access to health care services;

13 Meals for Older People; and

14 Health and Home Care Needs for the Elderly.

15 Any expenditure of funds for family day care ~~shall~~ may not cause the amount ~~which~~
16 that may be expended for developmental day care or any other type of service to decrease
17 below the cumulative fiscal year to date amount expended as of April 1, 1975 for such
18 developmental day care or such other type of service.

19 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §6111, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §44, is
20 further amended to read:

21 **4. Maximum state share of cost.** State funds appropriated for priority social
22 services may be used to pay a portion of expenditures under each agreement for each type
23 of social service in an amount not to exceed the maximum percentage for state funds of
24 100% of the total expenditures for each type of priority social service as specified below.
25 One hundred percent funding must be available for not more than 2 years consecutively
26 or in total. State funds appropriated for priority social services may be used to pay a
27 portion of expenditures under each agreement for each type of social service in an amount
28 not to exceed the maximum percentage for state funds of the total expenditures for each
29 type of priority social service as specified below when programs have been funded for a
30 total of 2 years, consecutively or in total. The maximum percentage of state funds of the
31 total expenditures for each type of service may not exceed:

32 75% for homemaker service;

33 75% for developmental day care, including family day care;

34 75% for services for persons with intellectual disabilities or autism;

35 75% for meals for older people;

- 1 75% for mental health services;
- 2 75% for transportation services intended to provide access to health care services;
- 3 75% for health and home care needs for the elderly.

4 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §6111, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §45, is
5 further amended to read:

6 **5. Maximum use of nonstate resources.** State funds paying a portion only of
7 expenditures for priority social services are valid only when "earned" or "matched" by
8 expenditure of nonstate resources, which may be cash or in-kind. The expenditure of such
9 resource must be in an amount at least equal to the minimum percentage for nonstate
10 resources of the total expenditures for each type of priority social services as specified
11 below. The minimum percentage for nonstate resources of the total expenditures for each
12 type of service is:

- 13 25% for homemaker service;
- 14 25% for developmental day care, including family day care;
- 15 25% for services for persons with intellectual disabilities or autism;
- 16 25% for meals for older people;
- 17 25% for mental health services;
- 18 25% for transportation services intended to provide access to health care services;
- 19 25% for health and home care needs for the elderly.

20 Nonstate resources authorized to qualify to earn or match state funds include private
21 funds such as gifts, grants, fees for service or contributions; in-kind resources that are
22 actual out-of-pocket expenditures; or actual loss of revenue related directly and
23 essentially as an integral part of the operation of a priority social service; and public
24 revenues such as municipal taxes, a municipal or county amount of federal revenue
25 sharing funds, other appropriate federal resources and state revenue sharing funds and
26 such other public resources as may be received by, generated by or available to a
27 municipal or county government or other political subdivision or quasi-governmental
28 bodies.

29 **Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §705**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt.
30 C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

31 **§705. Grants to agencies outside of county government**

32 ~~Any grants~~ Grants placed in the county budget by the Legislature to any agency
33 outside of the regular county departments ~~shall~~ may be paid to those agencies on a
34 quarterly basis only if authorized by subchapter 2, article 1 or Title 22, subtitle 4. The
35 commissioners may withhold funds from an agency if there is evidence that funds have
36 been misappropriated or misapplied by the agency.

