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L.D. 78

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 44, L.D. 78, "An Act To Protect Children from Extreme Poverty by Preserving Children's Access to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Benefits"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

Sec. 3. Reports by Department of Health and Human Services. No later than January 1, 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services an interim report on the implementation of the removal of the full family unit sanction under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program pursuant to section 2. No later than January 1, 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters a final report regarding the effects of the removal of the full family unit sanction.

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138**

Initiative: Provides allocation to terminate Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits for only the noncomplying parent but continue assistance to the children and complying parents.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$753,666
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$753,666

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, amends the bill to add an interim and a final report from the Department of Health and Human Services related to the removal of the full family unit sanction under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Protect Children from Extreme Poverty by Preserving Children's Access to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Benefits

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-166)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Appropriations/Allocations				
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$0	\$753,666	\$1,507,332	\$1,507,332

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a Federal Block Grant Fund allocation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$753,666 in fiscal year 2022-23 to amend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families rules to terminate benefits for only the noncomplying parent but continue to provide assistance to the children and complying parents. This assumes an implementation date of January 1, 2023, as many technological changes are required to make this change operational. Those technological changes, along with rulemaking, are expected to take considerable time to complete.