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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1202, L.D. 1877, "An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3769-C, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. NNNNNNN, §11, is amended to read:

C. Beginning October 1, 2017 2024, the department shall increase the maximum amount of monthly TANF assistance by an amount equal to 20% of the maximum payments that were in effect on January 1, 2017 2024 and shall increase the standard of need to maintain the same differential between the maximum payment and the standard of need that was in effect on January 1, 2017 2024.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3769-C, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. NNNNNNN, §11, is amended to read:

D. Beginning October 1, 2018 2024 and for each year thereafter, the department shall increase the maximum amount of monthly TANF assistance by an amount equal to the increase, if any, in the cost of living and shall increase the standard of need to maintain the same differential between the maximum payment and the standard of need that was in effect on January 1, 2017 2024. The increase in the cost of living for each year must equal the percentage increase, if any, in the federal supplemental security income program for that year.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that, beginning October 1, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services must increase the maximum

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1 amount of monthly Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program assistance by an
2 amount equal to 20% of the maximum payments that were in effect on January 1, 2024 and
3 shall increase the standard of need to maintain the same differential between the maximum
4 payment and the standard of need that was in effect on January 1, 2024.

5 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

6 **(See attached)**



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-891)
Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Federal Block Grant Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the maximum amount of monthly Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF) assistance by an amount equal to 20% of the maximum payment that was in effect on January 1, 2024 and shall increase the standard of need to maintain the same differential between the maximum payment and the standard of need that was in effect on January 1, 2024. This change will increase the TANF payments by the Department of Health and Human Services. However, the department estimates that any increase will fall within the current available federal funding for the TANF program.