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L.D. 2122
(Filing No. H-960)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1437, L.D. 2122, "An Act to Prevent Negative Impacts from Federal Funding Changes to and Fund Eligibility Determinations and Outreach for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 386, is amended by enacting at the end a new last blocked paragraph to read:

The department shall provide at least \$750,000 annually, plus applicable federal matching funds, to one or more community-based organizations to provide SNAP outreach activities.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§18 is enacted to read:

18. Error rate reduction system. The department shall operate an electronic system to detect and correct erroneous eligibility determinations for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program using advanced mathematical methods, with a goal of reducing the error rate calculated by the United States Department of Agriculture to a level that minimizes the State's share of the costs of SNAP benefits. The electronic system must operate in conformity with regulations and error rate standards promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Office for Family Independence Z020**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for the cost of a Public Service Coordinator to support and manage the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program outreach activities.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| GENERAL FUND | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Personal Services | \$38,988 | \$100,946 |

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|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1 | All Other | \$5,442 | \$5,442 |
| 2 | | | |
| 3 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <u>\$44,430</u> | <u>\$106,388</u> |
| 4 | | | |
| 5 | OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| 6 | Personal Services | \$38,988 | \$33,649 |
| 7 | All Other | \$3,085 | \$2,918 |
| 8 | | | |
| 9 | OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL | <u>\$42,073</u> | <u>\$36,567</u> |
| 10 | SNAP Contingency Fund N563 | | |
| 11 | Initiative: Provides one-time funding to make benefit payments to Supplemental Nutrition | | |
| 12 | Assistance Program recipients in the event of a loss of federal funding. | | |
| 13 | GENERAL FUND | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| 14 | All Other | \$87,000,000 | \$0 |
| 15 | | | |
| 16 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <u>\$87,000,000</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| 17 | SNAP Outreach Grant Program N564 | | |
| 18 | Initiative: Provides funding for grants to community-based organizations for Supplemental | | |
| 19 | Nutrition Assistance Program benefits outreach services and to hire outreach coordinators. | | |
| 20 | GENERAL FUND | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| 21 | All Other | \$750,000 | \$750,000 |
| 22 | | | |
| 23 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <u>\$750,000</u> | <u>\$750,000</u> |
| 24 | | | |
| 25 | HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, | | |
| 26 | DEPARTMENT OF | | |
| 27 | DEPARTMENT TOTALS | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| 28 | | | |
| 29 | GENERAL FUND | \$87,794,430 | \$856,388 |
| 30 | OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | \$42,073 | \$36,567 |
| 31 | | | |
| 32 | DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS | <u>\$87,836,503</u> | <u>\$892,955</u> |

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

36 **SUMMARY**

37 This amendment:
38 1. Provides that, for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, outreach
39 activities, the Department of Health and Human Services must provide to community-
40 based organizations at least \$750,000 annually, plus applicable federal matching funds;

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2. Removes from the bill the requirement that the payment error reduction system be a stand-alone database; and

3. Provides that the SNAP outreach coordinator will be a state position, rather than a contracted position.

The amendment also replaces the appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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LD 2122

LR 2759(02)

An Act to Prevent Negative Impacts from Federal Funding Changes to and Fund Eligibility Determinations and Outreach for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-960)
Committee: Health and Human Services
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

| | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | Projections FY 2027-28 | Projections FY 2028-29 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| General Fund | \$87,794,430 | \$856,388 | \$9,110,384 | \$860,384 |
| Appropriations/Allocations | | | | |
| General Fund | \$87,794,430 | \$856,388 | \$9,110,384 | \$860,384 |
| Other Special Revenue Funds | \$42,073 | \$36,567 | \$37,941 | \$37,941 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$87,794,430 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$856,388 in fiscal year 2026-27 to implement the provisions within the bill.

A one-time General Fund appropriation of \$8,250,000 will be required in fiscal year 2027-28 to the Department of Health and Human Services for technology costs to implement a needed SNAP Error Rate Reduction System.