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Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

Committee Amendment "A" (H-368)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, 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.

This resolve was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1417 An Act To Expand Access to Head Start To Assist Opioid-affected and Other At-risk Families CARRIED OVER

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill establishes eligibility standards for the Head Start program that allow participation for a child up to five years of age who is or whose family is affected by substance use disorder or whose family's income is at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. This bill also provides appropriations to be distributed to nontribal Head Start program service providers proportionately in an amount based upon the percentage of children up to five years of age who live at or below the federal poverty level in each provider's service area compared to the percentage of children up to five years of age who live at or below the federal poverty level statewide, with preference given to children who are at risk or whose families are at risk.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-265)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, clarifies that eligibility for the Head Start program is limited to children who have not met the minimum age requirement to enroll in a school administrative unit in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 5201, subsection 2.

This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, still to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1418 An Act To Address Maine's Shortage of Behavioral Health Services for Minors CARRIED OVER

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.