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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3762, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

13. Reports to Legislature. The department shall provide information annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters in order to allow the Legislature to evaluate the TANF program. Such information must include but is not limited to the number of TANF households and family members, a comparison of TANF eligibility levels with the federal poverty level, the number of TANF participants in training, education and work activity components and the rates at which individuals who have found employment through ASPIRE-TANF return to the TANF program. The information must include a summary of any federal laws enacted in the previous fiscal year that may require changes in the ASPIRE-TANF program. The information of the federal law changes must include a summary of any potential positive or negative impact on the TANF program and the ASPIRE-TANF program.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3769, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §16, is repealed.

SUMMARY

This amendment requires that the Department of Health and Human Services include in its reports to the Legislature a summary of the federal laws enacted in the previous fiscal year that may require changes in the ASPIRE-TANF program, as well as a summary of the potential impact of those federal law changes on the State's TANF program and the ASPIRE-TANF program.