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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 951, L.D. 1402, Bill, “An Act To Reward Work Performed by Welfare Recipients”

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3736, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Application; effective date. If an applicant for child care programs administered under this chapter is determined eligible, child care assistance must be provided retroactively to the date of application.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

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

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138

Initiative: Provides funding to families with income less than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines by placing funds in family development accounts.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138

Initiative: Provides funding to revise the earnings from employment the Department of Health and Human Services disregards when determining benefit levels for recipients under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2015-16	2016-17
2	All Other	\$834,987	\$1,113,316
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4	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$834,987</u>	<u>\$1,113,316</u>

5 **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138**

6 Initiative: Provides funding to increase the number of months eligible individuals may
7 receive transitional transportation benefits from 12 months to 18 months.

8	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2015-16	2016-17
9	All Other	\$581,908	\$775,878
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11	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$581,908</u>	<u>\$775,878</u>

12	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
13	DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)		
14	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
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16	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$1,916,895	\$2,389,194
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18	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$1,916,895</u>	<u>\$2,389,194</u>
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20 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
21 section number to read consecutively.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, provides that if an
24 applicant for child care programs is determined eligible, child care assistance must be
25 provided retroactively to the date of application. The amendment adds an appropriations
26 and allocations section.

27 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

28 **(See attached)**