

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
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Resolve, to Review the Timeliness of Contract Payments by the Department of Health and Human Services

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to collect data.

Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall review the timeliness of payments made to grantees of contracts awarded by the office within the department responsible for the provision of behavioral health services and housing assistance programs in fiscal year 2023-24 and in fiscal year 2024-25 through December 2024. For purposes of this section, "housing assistance programs" includes but is not limited to the Bridging Rental Assistance Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3011 and the federal shelter plus care program authorized by the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Public Law 100-77 (1987) as amended by the federal Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009, Public Law 111-22, Division B (2009). The department shall identify the reasons for any delays of payments and shall compile its data into a report.

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to provide information regarding late fee payments to grantees of contracts. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall review its process for the payment of late fees in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1554 and shall provide written guidance to grantees of contracts regarding the process to request payment of late fees.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, by February 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding its findings pursuant to section 1 and actions taken pursuant to section 2.