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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1029, L.D. 1584, “An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Temporarily Restore Benefits Being Reduced by the Federal Government”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Restore Benefits Reduced by the Federal Government'

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble.

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§18 is enacted to read:

18. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program State Supplement. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program State Supplement, referred to in this subsection as "the SNAP State Supplement," is established within the department.

A. Beginning January 1, 2024, if a household receiving SNAP benefits receives less than \$95 a month in federal SNAP benefits, the department, through the SNAP State Supplement, shall provide a monthly supplement equal to the difference between the amount the household receives and \$95, so as to ensure that all households receiving SNAP benefits in the State receive a combined minimum benefit of \$95.

B. By January 1, 2024, the department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Food Supplement Administration Z019**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Initiative: Provides funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to establish
2 a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program State Supplement, which must be applied to
3 households receiving monthly federal SNAP benefits. If a household receives less than \$95
4 in federal SNAP benefits, the department shall provide a monthly supplement equal to the
5 difference between the amount the household receives and \$95, so as to ensure that all
6 Maine households receiving SNAP benefits receive a combined minimum benefit of \$95
7 beginning January 1, 2024.

8	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
9	All Other	\$7,990,674	\$15,981,348
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11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,990,674</u>	<u>\$15,981,348</u>

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

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SUMMARY

16 This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. It directs the Department of
17 Health and Human Services to establish a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
18 State Supplement, or SNAP State Supplement, no later than January 1, 2024. The SNAP
19 State Supplement must be applied to households receiving SNAP benefits with a monthly
20 federal benefit lower than \$95. If a household receiving SNAP benefits receives less than
21 \$95 in SNAP benefits, the department is required to provide a monthly supplement equal
22 to the difference between the amount the household receives and \$95, so as to ensure that
23 all Maine households receiving SNAP benefits receive a combined minimum benefit of
24 \$95.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)