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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1330, L.D. 2067, “An Act to Make Permanent the Arrearage Management Program for Low-income Residential Electricity Customers”

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

'An Act to Continue the Arrearage Management Program for Low-income Residential Electricity Customers'

Amend the bill in the emergency preamble in the 5th line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "indefinitely"

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

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 101, §1, is further amended by amending the 3rd blocked paragraph to read:

No later than January 28, ~~2024~~ 2028, the commission shall prepare a report assessing the effectiveness of arrearage management programs from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027, including the number of participants enrolled in the programs, the number of participants completing the programs, the number of participants who have failed to complete the programs, ~~the payment patterns of participating customers after completing the programs,~~ the dollar amount of arrears forgiven, ~~a comparison of outcomes for those participating in the programs and those not participating,~~ the impact on any participating transmission and distribution utility's bad debt as a result of the programs, the costs and benefits to all ratepayers associated with the programs and recommendations for ways in which the programs might be improved or continued for the benefit of all ratepayers. In preparing its report, the commission shall hold at least one formal stakeholder meeting involving affected parties, including the Office of the Public Advocate and the participating transmission and distribution utilities. Parties must also be provided an opportunity to submit written comments to the commission regarding the performance of the programs.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

