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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1437, L.D. 2122, “An Act to Prevent Negative Impacts from Federal Funding Changes to and Fund Eligibility Determinations and Outreach for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program”

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 386, is amended by enacting at the end a new last blocked paragraph to read:

The department shall provide at least \$750,000 annually, plus applicable federal matching funds, to one or more community-based organizations to provide SNAP outreach activities.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§18 is enacted to read:

18. Error rate reduction system. The department shall operate an electronic system to detect and correct erroneous eligibility determinations for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program using advanced mathematical methods, with a goal of reducing the error rate calculated by the United States Department of Agriculture to a level that minimizes the State's share of the costs of SNAP benefits. The electronic system must operate in conformity with regulations and error rate standards promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Office for Family Independence Z020**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for the cost of a Public Service Coordinator to support and manage the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program outreach activities.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$38,988	\$100,946

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1	All Other	\$5,442	\$5,442
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3	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$44,430	\$106,388
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5	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
6	Personal Services	\$38,988	\$33,649
7	All Other	\$3,085	\$2,918
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9	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$42,073	\$36,567
10	SNAP Contingency Fund N563		
11	Initiative: Provides one-time funding to make benefit payments to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients in the event of a loss of federal funding.		
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13	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
14	All Other	\$87,000,000	\$0
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16	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$87,000,000	\$0
17	SNAP Outreach Grant Program N564		
18	Initiative: Provides funding for grants to community-based organizations for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits outreach services and to hire outreach coordinators.		
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20	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
21	All Other	\$750,000	\$750,000
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23	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$750,000	\$750,000
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25	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
26	DEPARTMENT OF		
27	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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29	GENERAL FUND	\$87,794,430	\$856,388
30	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$42,073	\$36,567
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32	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$87,836,503	\$892,955

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

36 **SUMMARY**

37 This amendment:
 38 1. Provides that, for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, outreach
 39 activities, the Department of Health and Human Services must provide to community-
 40 based organizations at least \$750,000 annually, plus applicable federal matching funds;

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