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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 56, L.D. 117, “An Act to Prohibit the Use of Electronic Benefits Transfer System Cards for Cash Withdrawals”

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

'An Act to Limit the Use of Electronic Benefits Transfer System Cards for Cash Withdrawals'

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §23, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Cash transactions. A Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipient shall retain a receipt for every transaction the recipient makes using cash withdrawn from the electronic benefits transfer system for a minimum of 3 years. The department may conduct random audits of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families cash purchases for up to 1% of beneficiaries within each calendar year.

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

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138

Initiative: Provides funding for one Social Services Program Specialist position to manage the audit process of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipients.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$88,431	\$93,082
All Other	\$8,829	\$8,941
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$97,260	\$102,023

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires a recipient of Temporary
5 Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF, program benefits to retain a receipt for every
6 transaction the recipient makes using cash withdrawn from the electronic benefits transfer
7 system for a minimum of 3 years. It authorizes the Department of Health and Human
8 Services to conduct random audits of TANF cash purchases for up to 1% of beneficiaries
9 within each calendar year.

10 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

11 **(See attached)**