

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

H.P. 1202 - L.D. 1877

**An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by  
Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3769-C, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. NNNNNNN, §11, is amended to read:

C. Beginning October 1, ~~2017~~ 2024, the department shall increase the maximum amount of monthly TANF assistance by an amount equal to 20% of the maximum payments that were in effect on January 1, ~~2017~~ 2024 and shall increase the standard of need to maintain the same differential between the maximum payment and the standard of need that was in effect on January 1, ~~2017~~ 2024.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3769-C, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. NNNNNNN, §11, is amended to read:

D. Beginning October 1, ~~2018~~ 2024 and for each year thereafter, the department shall increase the maximum amount of monthly TANF assistance by an amount equal to the increase, if any, in the cost of living and shall increase the standard of need to maintain the same differential between the maximum payment and the standard of need that was in effect on January 1, ~~2017~~ 2024. The increase in the cost of living for each year must equal the percentage increase, if any, in the federal supplemental security income program for that year.