

**Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security Timeline**  
**10/29/2020**

**April 2019** – LD 1324, Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security was introduced during the First Regular Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

**June 19, 2019** – Resolve 2019, chapter 82 was finally passed.

**October 22, 2019** – Chairs of the study committee sent a letter to the Legislative Council requesting authorization to raise additional funds which will be used to cover travel costs for an outside speaker to come present to the study committee.

**November 22, 2019** – First and only meeting of the study committee in 2019 – included:

- overview of authorizing legislation and summary of testimony for LD 1324;
- background of legislation by bill sponsor Senator Vitelli;
- presentation by Ron Hikel regarding “Manitoba Basic Income” aka “Mincome,” the federal-provincial controlled social science experiment with guaranteed annual income; and
- public comment period.

**December 2, 2019** – Chairs sent a letter to the Legislative Council on behalf of the study committee memorializing a vote taken at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

- The study committee agreed that they would like to contract with an outside entity for a larger feasibility study.
- Since this is outside the scope of the of the current authorizing legislation, new legislation is necessary to give the study committee authority to commission an outside entity to conduct a feasibility study.
- Legislators on the study committee understand that an after-deadline bill or joint order is necessary to accomplish this goal.

**March 11, 2020** – Senate Chair of the study committee, Shenna Bellows, sent a letter to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing (LBHS) requesting that the committee report out a joint order.

**March 12, 2020** – LBHS Committee voted (divided report) that if a joint order is passed by the House and Senate the LBHS Committee will report directly to the floor a bill that amends Resolve 2019, chapter 82 to allow the Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Income Security to seek outside funding to hire an outside consultant to conduct a feasibility study or to provide the committee with additional staffing needs.

**March 17, 2020** – The House and Senate pass S.P. 787, “Joint Order, Authorizing the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing To Report Out a Bill to Amend Resolve 2019, Chapter 82” sponsored by Senator Bellows.

**March 17, 2020** – Maine Legislature adjourns indefinitely.

**October 15, 2020** – First meeting of the study committee in 2020 – primarily a public hearing.

**October 29, 2020** – Second meeting of the study committee in 2020.

**November 5, 2020** – Third and final meeting of the study committee in 2020.

- Study committee submits report to the Maine Legislature. Report due date is November 4, 2020.
- Committees of jurisdiction have authority to submit legislation to the First Regular Session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature (2021).