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Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Evaluate the Municipal General Assistance Program Database

Received by the Clerk of the House on February 20, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, HAGGAN of Hampden, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, QUINT of Hodgdon.

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate municipal general assistance program database. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall evaluate the feasibility of upgrading the database for the general assistance program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 4323, subsection 6 to allow the determination of whether a general assistance program applicant who is disqualified is seeking assistance in another municipality. If the department determines that the current database cannot be upgraded, the department shall research a suitable replacement database that fulfills the criterion in this section.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, by December 3, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services shall issue a report on the evaluation required in section 1 that includes a timeline for implementation of the upgrade or new database. The department shall issue the report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, which may report out a bill based upon the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

15 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on an evaluation of the feasibility of upgrading the database for the municipal general assistance program to allow the determination of whether a disqualified applicant is seeking assistance in another municipality. If the department determines that the current database cannot be upgraded, the department is to research a suitable replacement database that fulfills the criterion. The department is directed to provide the committee a timeline for implementation of the upgrade or new database.