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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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128TH LEGISLATURE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 343, L.D. 480, Bill, “An Act To Prioritize Access by Maine's Most Vulnerable Citizens to Welfare Resources”

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

**'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §20** is enacted to read:

**§20. Workforce development program for legal immigrants**

**1. Program established.** A workforce development program for legal immigrants, referred to in this section as "the program," is established to reduce barriers to employment faced by legal immigrants. The program must provide the following workforce development services to legal immigrants in this State lawfully residing in the United States:

- A. English language classes for adults and children;
- B. Citizenship classes;
- C. Financial literacy classes for adults; and
- D. Training and support for adults and children seeking employment.

**2. Administration.** The department may contract with an entity that is best suited to administer this program. Administration of the program includes determining eligibility for the program and providing the services specified in subsection 1. The department may disburse funds appropriated or allocated to the program to the entity with which it has contracted to administer the program.

**3. Rulemaking.** The department may adopt rules to implement the program. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

Amend the bill by adding after section 3 the following:

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

3           **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)**

4           **Food Supplement Administration Z019**

5 Initiative: Reduces appropriations by eliminating state-funded Supplemental Nutrition  
 6 Assistance Program benefits for noncitizens who do not meet federal eligibility  
 7 requirements.

8	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
9	All Other	(\$904,593)	(\$1,206,124)
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11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$904,593)</u>	<u>(\$1,206,124)</u>

12           **State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income 0131**

13 Initiative: Reduces appropriations by eliminating state-funded cash benefits to  
 14 noncitizens who do not meet federal eligibility requirements.

15	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
16	All Other	(\$885,209)	(\$1,180,279)
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18	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$885,209)</u>	<u>(\$1,180,279)</u>

19           **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138**

20 Initiative: Reduces appropriations by eliminating Temporary Assistance for Needy  
 21 Families benefits for noncitizens who do not meet federal eligibility requirements.

22	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
23	All Other	(\$436,810)	(\$582,414)
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25	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$436,810)</u>	<u>(\$582,414)</u>

26           **Workforce Development for Legal Immigrants Program N254**

27 Initiative: Provides funding for the department to contract with an entity to adminster the  
 28 workforce development for legal immigrants program.

29	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
30	All Other	\$2,226,612	\$2,968,817
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32	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,226,612</u>	<u>\$2,968,817</u>

1	<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,</b>		
2	<b>DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)</b>		
3	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
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5	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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7	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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9 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
10 section number to read consecutively.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It creates a workforce  
13 development program to provide to legal immigrants English language classes,  
14 citizenship classes, financial literacy classes and training and support for adults and  
15 children seeking employment. It permits the Department of Health and Human Services  
16 to contract with an entity best suited to administer this program and allows the  
17 department to adopt rules to implement the program. The amendment provides for  
18 funding to implement the program.

19 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

20 **(See attached)**