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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 875, L.D. 2082, “An Act to Ensure the Financial Stability of Behavioral Health Services Providers and Housing Assistance Providers”

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

**'Resolve, to Review the Timeliness of Contract Payments by the Department of Health and Human Services'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to collect data. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall review the timeliness of payments made to grantees of contracts awarded by the office within the department responsible for the provision of behavioral health services and housing assistance programs in fiscal year 2023-24 and in fiscal year 2024-25 through December 2024. For purposes of this section, "housing assistance programs" includes but is not limited to the Bridging Rental Assistance Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3011 and the federal shelter plus care program authorized by the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Public Law 100-77 (1987) as amended by the federal Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009, Public Law 111-22, Division B (2009). The department shall identify the reasons for any delays of payments and shall compile its data into a report.

**Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to provide information regarding late fee payments to grantees of contracts. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall review its process for the payment of late fees in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1554 and shall provide written guidance to grantees of contracts regarding the process to request payment of late fees.

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, by February 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide a report to the joint standing committee of the

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding its  
2 findings pursuant to section 1 and actions taken pursuant to section 2.'

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

5 **SUMMARY**

6 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The resolve requires the Department  
7 of Health and Human Services to review the timeliness of payments made to grantees of  
8 contracts awarded by the office within the department responsible for the provision of  
9 behavioral health services and housing assistance programs in fiscal year 2023-24 and in  
10 fiscal year 2024-25 through December 2024. It requires the department to identify the  
11 reasons for any delays of payments and to compile its data into a report. It requires the  
12 department to review its process for the payment of late fees in accordance with the Maine  
13 Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1554 and to provide written guidance to grantees of  
14 contracts regarding the process to request payment of late fees. By February 1, 2025, the  
15 department must provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
16 jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding the department's findings  
17 and actions taken pursuant to this legislation.

18 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
19 **(See attached)**