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In Senate, February 24, 2015

An Act To Require a Work Search for Job-ready Applicants for Benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

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Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock and

Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: MAREAN of Hollis, POULIOT of

Augusta, SANDERSON of Chelsea.

2	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3762, sub-§21 is enacted to read:
3	21. Work search requirement. The department may not grant TANF assistance to
4	an applicant who is job-ready as determined by the department unless the applicant has
5	applied in writing for 3 separate advertised jobs and submitted verifiable documentation
6	of the applications to the department. To satisfy this work search requirement, the
7	applicant may submit the job applications at any time from one week prior to the date of
8	the application to the department for TANF assistance to 2 weeks following that date.
9	SUMMARY
10	This bill creates a work search requirement for job-ready applicants to the Temporary
11	Assistance for Needy Families program.

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

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