HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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131ST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 56, L.D. 117, “An Act to Prohibit the Use of Electronic Benefits Transfer System Cards for Cash Withdrawals”

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

'An Act to Limit the Use of Electronic Benefits Transfer System Cards for Cash Withdrawals'

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

'Sec. 1.  22 MRSA §23, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Cash transactions. A Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipient shall retain a receipt for every transaction the recipient makes using cash withdrawn from the electronic benefits transfer system for a minimum of 3 years. The department may conduct random audits of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families cash purchases for up to 1% of beneficiaries within each calendar year.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138

Initiative: Provides funding for one Social Services Program Specialist position to manage the audit process of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipients.

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires a recipient of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF, program benefits to retain a receipt for every transaction the recipient makes using cash withdrawn from the electronic benefits transfer system for a minimum of 3 years. It authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct random audits of TANF cash purchases for up to 1% of beneficiaries within each calendar year.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)