

FY 2018-2019 Biennial Budget (LR 2175) - HHS Committee Programs - Language Parts

Line #	Program Area	Part	Summary	Part Notes	HHS Vote
629	HHS Other	WWW	This Part authorizes the Maine Health Data Organization to transfer available Personal Services balances up to a specified amount to All Other by financial order in the Maine Health Data Organization, Other Special Revenue Funds account during the 2018-2019 biennium.		IN
630	Substance Abuse	XXX	This Part transfers the administration of the Driver Education and Evaluation Programs (DEEP) and available funding from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of the Secretary of State.	Line #263	OUT 7-6
631	Elder Services	YYY	This Part repeals the Maine Rx Plus Program which is an inactive program in the Department.	Department plans to remove this initiative. Line #318	OUT
632	Public Assistance	ZZZ	This Part repeals the General Assistance program.	Line #414	OUT 7-6
633	DHHS Mgmt - Policy	AAAA	This Part reflects the elimination of the Bone Marrow Screening Fund program within the Department of Health and Human Services. This part also eliminates the option to designate a portion of an individual's tax refund be paid into the Bone Marrow Screening Fund.	Line #207	IN
634	DHHS Mgmt - Policy	BBBB	This Part reflects the elimination of the Comprehensive Cancer Screening, Detection and Prevention Fund within the Department of Health and Human Services.	Line #213	IN
635	Public Health	CCCC	This Part reassigns the application fee for a retail tobacco license that is now deposited in the General Fund, to the Health Inspection Program account in Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Other Special Revenue Funds to cover the costs of administering licensing for tobacco retailers.	Line #458	IN
636	DHHS Mgmt - Policy	DDDD	This Part reflects the elimination of the Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund program within the Department of Health and Human Services. This part also eliminates the option to designate a portion of an individual's tax refund be paid into the Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund.	Line #211	IN
637	Public Assistance	EEEE	This Part repeals provisions of the TANF and Food Supplement statutes that prohibit the Department from denying benefits based on a felony drug conviction. It also establishes a requirement that to be eligible for TANF or Food Supplement benefits, an individual must not have been convicted of a drug related felony. This part also repeals, as no longer necessary due to the eligibility requirement, the provision about the Department administering drug tests to convicted drug felons on the TANF program.		OUT 7-6

638	Public Assistance	FFFF	<p>This Part makes the following changes to the laws governing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF, program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It establishes asset and time limits for transitional child care of \$100,000 and 18 months, respectively. 2. It shortens the lifetime limit on TANF benefits from 60 months to 36 months. 3. It establishes the requirement for a TANF applicant to participate in a job readiness evaluation program prior to granting TANF cash benefits. 4. It establishes a minimum three month waiting period before benefits may be restored following any sanction. 5. It amends the alternative aid section to make such benefits available no more than once every 24 months, instead of once every 12 months. 6. It removes all the good cause exceptions that prevent a person from being sanctioned under the ASPIRE-TANF program for failure to participate in that program, with the exception of domestic violence. 7. It removes the 24-month limit on education training and treatment for participants in the ASPIRE-TANF program in order to eliminate the difference between Maine and federal law regarding the number of months of education and training that may qualify as countable work activities and specifies that accommodations for an individual with a disability are limited to those required by federal law. The bill amends the Parents as Scholars Program to specify that an enrollee in the program must meet federal work participation requirements. 8. It creates a job-quit penalty for receipt of TANF cash assistance if the job was quit without good cause. 9. The Part establishes the Fund for the Payment of Federal Fines Imposed for Noncompliance with Federal Work Participation Requirements in the Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of the fund is to pay fines imposed on the State by the Federal Government due to the State's failure to comply with federal requirements related to the 154 of 230 ASPIRE-TANF program. The bill provides an appropriation in fiscal year 2017-18 and requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to report annually regarding the fines owed by the State for noncompliance to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters, which is required to report out a bill, within 30 days of the commissioner's report, appropriating the amount necessary to pay the fines. 			OUT 7-6
639	Public Assistance	GGGG	<p>This Part changes the disability determination cut-off from 45 days to 90 days for applications for aid based on a disability, and it eliminates the requirement to provide state-funded temporary medical coverage. This Part also directs the Department of Health and Human Services to seek relief from the decision process required by the Polk v. Longley consent decree.</p>			OUT 7-6
640	Public Assistance	HHHH	<p>This Part repeals general assistance eligibility for categories of noncitizens for which a state statute affirmatively providing eligibility is required by federal law. It also clarifies that such noncitizens are not eligible for state-funded general assistance.</p>	Line #405		OUT 7-6
641	MaineCare Taxes	IIII	<p>This Part updates the base year for the hospital tax to 2014 and keeps it at that level.</p>	Line #374		OUT 9-4
642	Public Assistance	JJJJ	<p>This Part prohibits the department from obtaining waivers from the USDA that would expand program access.</p>			OUT 7-6

643	Public Assistance	KKKK	This Part does the following: 1. It repeals the provision that requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a food supplement program for non-citizens who would be eligible for federal SNAP benefits but for their status as aliens under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. 2. It repeals the provision that requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide supplemental security income for non-citizens who would be eligible for federal Supplemental Security Income but for their status as aliens under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. 3. It repeals the provision that requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide financial assistance to individuals who would be eligible for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families but for their status as aliens under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.	Line # 403 - 405	
644	Transfer BEH to HUM	LLLL	This Part contains transition provisions for the consolidation of programs and accounts from the Department of Health and Human Services, formerly the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the Department of Health and Human Services.		OUT 7-6
645	MaineCare Other	MMMM	This Part authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer available balances of appropriations between the MaineCare General Fund accounts for the 2018-2019 biennium.		IN
646	MaineCare Other Adult MH	NNNN	This Part does the following: 1. It authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer by financial order any available appropriations, including those in Personal Services, between MaineCare accounts. 2. It authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer by financial order available Personal Services balances in the Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program, the Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center program and the Riverview Psychiatric Center program in order to provide flexibility in the payment of operational expenses.		IN
647	Elder Services	OOOO	This Part authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer available balances of appropriations between the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program and the Long Term Care – Office of Aging and Disability Services program for the 2018-2019 biennium.		IN
648	Developmental Services	PPPP	This Part authorizes the transfer of available Personal Services or All Other balances from the Department of Health and Human Services, Developmental Services - Community program account to the Crisis Outreach Program account for the 2018-2019 biennium.		IN
649	Children's Services	QQQQ	This Part authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer appropriations within the Office of Child and Family Services related to the cost of administering the child welfare program.		IN
650	DHHS Mgmt - Policy	RRRR	This Part changes the name of the Office of the Commissioner program to the Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations program.	Line #142	IN
651	DHHS Mgmt - Policy	SSSS	This Part changes the name of the Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services program to the Division of Licensing and Certification program.		IN
652	DHHS Mgmt - Policy	TTTT	This Part gives the Department of Health and Human Services the authority to adopt emergency rules to implement any provisions of this Act over which it has specific authority that has not been addressed by some other Part of the Act without the necessity of demonstrating that immediate adoption is necessary to avoid a threat to public health, safety or welfare.		IN