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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 337, L.D. 487, “Resolve, To Establish MaineCare Eligibility for Young Adults Who Were Formerly in Foster Care”

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Enrollment of eligible foster children in MaineCare. Resolved: That no later than January 1, 2014 the Department of Health and Human Services shall begin outreach and identification of eligible foster children. For the purposes of this section, "eligible foster child" means a young adult who was formerly in foster care and was a member of the MaineCare program on the date of that person's 18th birthday or of that person's emancipation if that date is between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2013. In undertaking this initiative, the department shall establish a process for enrollment and shall undertake a thorough and informative outreach campaign to eligible foster children and the general public. The department shall notify all persons serving as foster parents from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2013. In undertaking this initiative the department shall:

1. To the extent possible identify all eligible foster children;
2. Review all of the department's major databases, including the Automated Client Eligibility System operated in the Bureau of Family Independence within the department, for the most recent mailing addresses and contact information of eligible foster children;
3. Provide notice of eligibility in plain language to all eligible foster children identified under subsections 1 and 2 and all eligible foster children who otherwise come to the attention of the department; and
4. Establish a process for streamlined enrollment in MaineCare on January 1, 2014 and implement that process and provide to each eligible foster child a card indicating coverage on January 1, 2014, an explanation of MaineCare benefits and notice of future renewal requirements.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment replaces the resolve and directs the Department of Health and Human Services to undertake an identification and outreach initiative for young adults who were formerly in foster care, to enroll those eligible in MaineCare and to provide them with a card indicating that the coverage begins on January 1, 2014.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)