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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1317, L.D. 1829, Bill, “An Act To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Report Annually on Investigations and Prosecutions of False Claims Made under the MaineCare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Food Supplement Programs”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §20 in subsection 2 by striking out the first paragraph (page 1, lines 32 to 35 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

2. Description of program integrity efforts of department. A description of the department’s efforts under this section and under chapter 855, including any efforts made in cooperation with federal agency partners in investigating and prosecuting fraudulent claims and overpayments to providers, vendors and retailers, including:'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §20 in subsection 3 in the last line (page 2, line 28 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "basis" the following: ', as long as the information disclosed conforms to the requirements of Title 16, section 804 and does not compromise the investigation or prosecution of a case'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §20-A in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 4, line 4 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "section" the following: 'and under chapters 851, 1053-B and 1054-A'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §20-A in subsection 3 in the last line (page 4, line 30 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "basis" the following: ', as long as the information disclosed conforms to the requirements of Title 16, section 804 and does not compromise the investigation or prosecution of a case'

Amend the bill by adding after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. Existing resources. The requirements of this Act must be accomplished within the existing resources of the Department of Health and Human Services.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, clarifies the bill by adding references to the chapters of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22 through which benefits are provided under the MaineCare program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, TANF, program, Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment-Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and the statewide food supplement program. The amendment also specifies that information disclosed by the Office of the Attorney General for the purposes of the annual report from the Department of Health and Human Services on investigations and prosecutions of false claims made under the MaineCare, TANF and food supplement programs on the status of cases must conform to the law on intelligence and investigative record information and may not compromise the investigation or prosecution of a case. The amendment also specifies that the requirements of the bill must be accomplished within the existing resources of the department.