Proposed Committee Amendment “A” to LD 1435 from Rep. Jorgensen

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §51 is enacted to read:

‘§51. Special report. Beginning in 2019, the commissioner shall provide an annual report, no later than February 1 of each year, to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services and over appropriations and financial affairs for each block grant received from the federal government and for which the department is the lead agency or has primary jurisdiction. This annual report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information for the most recent federal fiscal year:

1. Revenues received for each block grant;
2. Expenditures from each block grant and program;
3. Descriptions of program areas for which block grant funds were expended;
4. Descriptions of the eligible populations served in each program area and criteria for eligibility in each program areas;
5. Surplus or deficit amounts that exist or are expected to exist in the current year;
6. Descriptions of state maintenance of effort or other matching requirements required;
7. Information regarding relevant federal and state laws, regulations, guidance and state plans that govern block grant spending and state reports and state agency expenditure reports provided to the federal government; and
8. Any substantial changes in programs, revenues or expenditures that have occurred during the year or are expected to occur during the current federal fiscal year

The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs or health and human services matters may report out a bill relating to the programs set forth in the annual report.’

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services, beginning in February 2019, to provide an annual report to the standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and appropriations and financial affairs regarding the block grants received from the federal government. It requires the report to be provided no later than February 1 of each year with the information relating to the previous federal fiscal year.