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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 158, L.D. 195, Bill, “An Act To Continue MaineCare Coverage for Parents During the Rehabilitation and Reunification Process”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3174-BBB in the first paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "section 3174" and inserting the following: 'any other provision of law to the contrary'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3174-BBB by inserting at the end the following:

'Beginning January 1, 2021, the department shall provide annually by January 1st to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters a report on the number of individuals and families who continue MaineCare coverage pursuant to the requirements of this section.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies that parents who are eligible for the MaineCare program prior to having their minor children removed from the home remain eligible for the MaineCare program if they are engaged in rehabilitation and reunification efforts regardless of any other provision of law. The reference in the bill did not account for new eligibility under Initiated Bill 2017, chapter 1. The amendment also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide an annual report, beginning in 2021, on the number of individuals and families who benefit from this provision.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**