



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Require the State To Administer and Fund the General Assistance Program

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Saviello of Franklin

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$3,460,995	\$6,592,872	\$6,592,872	\$6,592,872
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$3,460,995	\$6,592,872	\$6,592,872	\$6,592,872
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$76,290)	(\$213,612)	(\$244,128)	(\$274,644)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Health and Human Services will require General Fund appropriations of \$3,460,998 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$6,592,872 in fiscal year 2016-17 to transfer the administration of the General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns program to the State. The new costs are comprised of 3 items: 22 new staff to determine eligibility and process vouchers, technology costs to enhance the ACES system to handle the new vouchers for GA and additional cost for the State to fund 100% of the program. Currently municipalities provide a portion of the funding.

There will also be a minor reduction in Other Special Revenue Funds allocations currently used to provide payments from the State to municipalities for SSI recoupments.