



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act To Create a 9-month Time Limit on General Assistance Benefits**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium savings - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Limiting the number of days a person capable of working and who does not have any dependents may receive general assistance benefits to 275 days every 5 years may produce savings to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Since General Assistance is administered by municipalities, DHHS does not have client specific data to determine how long recipients have received benefits. If implemented, municipalities would manage the new limitation and lower their requests for reimbursement by the State. The number of clients who currently exceed the 9-month time limit is not estimated to be a significant percentage of all clients.