



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2157

LR 3265(01)

An Act Regarding Reimbursements to Municipalities for General Assistance

Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Sponsor: Sen. Gratwick of Penobscot
Committee: Health and Human Services
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse a municipality for the amount of general assistance provided to an individual in an emergency situation that is in excess of the maximum level of assistance established by that municipality. This will increase assistance amounts reimbursed to municipalities by the Department of Health and Human Services. A more precise estimate of the fiscal impact is not possible because recipient data related to number of emergency situations and the amounts paid to recipients above the maximum resides at the municipal level and varies over time.