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Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 in paragraph A in the first line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Hampshire;" the following: 'or'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 by striking out all of paragraph B (page 1, lines 7 to 9 in L.D.)

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 in paragraph C in the first line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "C. To" and inserting the following: 'B. To'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 2. Office of the Attorney General to hire fraud prosecutor. By January 1, 2017, the Office of the Attorney General shall hire one additional assistant attorney general to prosecute fraud, including the fraudulent use of public assistance benefits.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Food Supplement Administration Z019

Initiative: Provides funds for technology updates required to limit use of EBT cards outside of the State.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$108,215
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$108,215

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$108,215
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$108,215

State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income 0131

Initiative: Provides funds for technology updates required to limit use of EBT cards outside of the State.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$50,890
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$50,890

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138

Initiative: Provides funds for technology updates required to limit use of EBT cards outside of the State.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$7,680
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$7,680

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$159,105
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$108,215
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$0	\$7,680
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$275,000

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE

Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: Provides funds for one Assistant Attorney General position to prosecute the fraudulent use of public assistance.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$56,764
All Other	\$0	\$6,605
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$63,369

ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$63,369
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$63,369

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Division of Audit Z157

Initiative: Provides funding for increased legal services.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$31,685
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$31,685

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$32,707
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$32,707

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$31,685
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$32,707
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$64,392

SECTION TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$31,685
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$96,076
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$127,761

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, removes from the bill the restriction on the withdrawal of cash from the electronic benefits transfer system account of a recipient of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program benefits. It also requires the Office of the Attorney General to hire an additional assistant attorney general to prosecute fraud, replacing the provision in the bill that provides for the hiring of fraud investigators in the Department of Health and Human Services.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)