



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Make the State's Standard for Lead Exposure in Children Consistent with the Federal Standard

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$1,092,313	\$1,407,584	\$1,269,831	\$1,219,785
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$1,092,313	\$1,407,584	\$1,269,831	\$1,219,785
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$181,548	\$221,928	\$201,793	\$181,657
<b>Revenue</b>				
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$181,548	\$221,928	\$201,793	\$181,657

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) of \$1,092,313 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$1,407,584 in fiscal year 2016-17 to cover additional Mainecare claims for lead inspections and to hire 8 limited period Environmental Specialist III positions to review inspections, issue orders to abate, track to make sure abatements occur and work with families on interim controls to reduce hazards until abatement is complete. It also provides funding for contracted lead inspections. Federal Block Grant Fund allocations are also included in this bill for the enhanced FMAP match.

Current trends suggest that the number of cases of children with a confirmed blood lead level of 5 to 9 ug/dL could decrease by half every 6-7 years. Based on this trend, DHHS estimates needing 8 limited period positions for the first 2 years and seven limited period positions for years 3 and 4. The contracted inspections will also decrease each year.