



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act Regarding the Disposition of Certain Funds Received by the Attorney General Pursuant to a Court Order or Settlement

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Fredette of Newport

Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Restriction on Use of Settlement Funds - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Current law allows the Attorney General to expend monies received from a court settlement related to antitrust enforcement for expert witness fees, copying of documents, transcripts and any other purpose in accordance with the court order. This bill requires the Attorney General to make specific requests for reimbursement from the State Budget Officer for reimbursement for costs related to a court order or settlement and limits expenditures to expert witness fees, copying of documents and transcripts. The Attorney General currently has 3.5 positions funded from the fund that receives these settlements. This bill would prohibit these funds from being used for positions.