



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1770

LR 2641(05)

An Act To Revise Laws Regarding Unemployment That Were Amended or Affected by Recently Enacted Legislation

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment " " to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Volk of Cumberland

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

| | FY 2017-18 | FY 2018-19 | Projections FY 2019-20 | Projections FY 2020-21 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Appropriations/Allocations | | | | |
| Federal Expenditures Fund | \$0 | (\$812,301) | \$0 | \$0 |
| Revenue | | | | |
| Federal Expenditures Fund | \$0 | (\$895,156) | \$0 | \$0 |
| Other Funds | \$0 | \$895,156 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Transfers | | | | |
| Federal Expenditures Fund | \$0 | \$82,855 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Other Special Revenue Funds | \$0 | (\$82,855) | \$0 | \$0 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment removes the requirement that a voice mail option be included as part of the alternative filing methods to an Internet-based system for the filing of unemployment claims. As a result, this amendment eliminates the one-time \$895,156 cost of this provision that was to be paid from an unspent portion of the 2009 Reed Act funds, including funding for 11 limited period Customer Representative Specialist - Benefits positions and the cost of the Interactive Voice Response System.

This amendment also eliminates the transfer for \$82,855 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Department of Labor, Office of the Commissioner's Special Revenue Funds account to cover its share of the department's associated indirect costs in accordance with the federally approved indirect cost plan.

As amended, this legislation still requires the department to immediately fill certain vacant positions for which funding is available, including Customer Representative Associate, Customer Representative Specialists, Claims Adjudicator, Hearings Examiner, Labor Program Specialist and Field Advisor and Examiner.