



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Incorporate Time Limits on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program into Municipal General Assistance Programs

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Brakey of Androscoggin

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential current biennium savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides that a person who has exhausted the 60 month lifetime limit on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program benefits is ineligible to receive municipal general assistance program benefits, except that a person who has been ineligible to receive benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program for 5 or more years may be considered eligible and a person who is in the process of seeking an extension of benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program may be considered eligible. By changing this eligibility requirement, there will likely be individuals who currently receive benefits who would no longer be eligible, for a time. This will potentially decrease the general assistance funding required 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 months on assistance, amounts paid to each recipient and the number of recipients who could potentially be ineligible under this new requirement is kept at the municipal level and varies over time.