



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 209

LR 2408(29)

An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The amendment includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$250,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services to contract with an independent third-party entity to complete a review of the MaineCare program regarding fraud, waste and abuse. Federal Expenditure Funds allocations are also included for the federal match.

The amendment also limits housing assistance under the general assistance program to a maximum of 12 months in a 36-month period, except for temporary housing and emergency shelters. A precise estimate of the fiscal impact is not possible because recipient data related to the number of months of assistance received, the type of assistance received and the amounts paid to each recipient resides at the municipal level and varies over time.

The amendment also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to seek federal approval to implement a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 1.95% for reimbursement rates for essential support workers as required by Title 22, section 7402. Because General Fund appropriations and associated Federal Expenditure Funds allocations to implement a 1.95% COLA for reimbursement rates for essential support workers effective January 1, 2025 were included in Public Law 2023, chapter 17, no net fiscal impact is expected.