



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Provide Appropriations and Allocations for the Operations of State Government

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

| | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | Projections FY 2027-28 | Projections FY 2028-29 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$10,379,679 | \$10,379,679 |
| Appropriations/Allocations | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$1,653,131 | \$10,379,679 | \$10,379,679 |
| Federal Expenditures Fund | \$0 | \$2,834,366 | \$4,060,295 | \$4,060,295 |
| Federal Block Grant Fund | \$0 | \$159,198 | \$281,626 | \$281,626 |
| Revenue | | | | |
| Federal Expenditures Fund | \$0 | \$2,834,366 | \$4,060,295 | \$4,060,295 |
| Federal Block Grant Fund | \$0 | \$159,198 | \$281,626 | \$281,626 |
| Transfers | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$1,653,131 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Other Special Revenue Funds | \$0 | (\$1,653,131) | \$0 | \$0 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$1,653,131 in fiscal year 2026-27 to implement a cost-of-living adjustment for services provided under MaineCare Benefits Manual Chapter 3, Section 28 and Section 97 Appendix B and Appendix D. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included in the bill for the FMAP match. The bill includes a one-time transfer from the MaineCare Stabilization Fund of \$1,653,131 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2026-27 to cover the cost-of-living adjustment in that year.

The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to the Department of Education of \$375,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 for an early childhood nutrition grant program and a one-time deappropriation of the same amount in fiscal year 2026-27 to reverse one-time funding provided in Public Law 2025, c.650. The bill also includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to the Maine State Housing Authority of \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 for low-income electric ratepayer assistance and a one-time deappropriation of the same amount in fiscal year 2026-27 to reverse one-time funding provided in Public Law 2025, c.650. These changes will increase costs to the General Fund in future biennia.