



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1877

LR 1320(02)

**An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Federal Block Grant Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the maximum amount of monthly Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF) assistance by an amount equal to 20% of the maximum payment that was in effect on January 1, 2024 and shall increase the standard of need to maintain the same differential between the maximum payment and the standard of need that was in effect on January 1, 2024. This change will increase the TANF payments by the Department of Health and Human Services. However, the department estimates that any increase will fall within the current available federal funding for the TANF program.