



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Reduce Child Poverty by Leveraging Investments in Families Today

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Spkr. Gideon of Freeport

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$3,043,965	\$4,058,620	\$4,058,620	\$4,058,620
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$3,043,965	\$4,058,620	\$4,058,620	\$4,058,620
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$39,709,431	\$45,223,631	\$45,235,097	\$45,246,971
Revenue				
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$39,709,431	\$45,223,631	\$45,235,097	\$45,246,971

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Health and Human Services will require General Fund appropriations of \$3,043,965 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$4,058,620 in fiscal year 2018-19 to increase the payment rates to the 75th percentile of local market rates for payments the department makes on behalf of recipients of benefits under the child care subsidy program. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required of \$39,709,431 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$45,223,631 in fiscal year 2018-19 for multiple program changes in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

The provision in this bill that requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) with a fee to administer the voucher program for housing assistance is anticipated to be sufficient to cover the costs to MSHA and additional General Fund appropriations will not be required.