



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 978

LR 1745(01)

An Act to Increase General Assistance Reimbursement for Municipalities and Indian Tribes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Zager of Portland

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$2,734,447	\$2,734,447	\$4,252,209	\$4,252,209
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$2,734,447	\$2,734,447	\$4,252,209	\$4,252,209

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Health and Human Services will require ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$2,734,447 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$2,734,447 in fiscal year 2026-27 to increase from 70% to 90% the state reimbursement rate for the costs of municipal general assistance. The bill increases the reimbursement rate incrementally to 90% as of July 1, 2030 for the 6 municipalities with the highest general assistance costs and increases the rate to 90% as of July 1, 2026 for all other municipalities.