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An Act Regarding Reimbursements to Municipalities for General Assistance

Reported by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot for the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Public Law 2019, chapter 515, section 4.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4311, sub-§1-D** is enacted to read:

3 **1-D. Reimbursement in excess of maximum assistance.** When a municipality
4 provides general assistance to an applicant as a result of an emergency as described in
5 section 4308, subsection 2 and the emergency payment is in excess of the maximum level
6 of assistance established by the municipality according to section 4305, the department
7 shall reimburse the municipality as follows:

8 A. Seventy percent of the amount of the emergency payment up to the maximum
9 level of assistance; and

10 B. One hundred percent of the amount of the emergency payment in excess of the
11 maximum level of assistance.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill enacts a recommendation of the stakeholder group established pursuant to
14 Public Law 2019, chapter 515, section 4. The bill requires the Department of Health and
15 Human Services to reimburse a municipality for the amount of general assistance
16 provided to an individual in an emergency situation that is in excess of the maximum
17 level of assistance established by that municipality.