



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1097

LR 418(09)

An Act To Improve the Integrity of Maine's Welfare Programs

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment " " to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Baker of Sagadahoc

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$500,000)	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$500,000)	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$516,135)	\$0	\$0
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$0	(\$115,739)	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$516,135)	\$0	\$0
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$0	(\$115,739)	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment eliminates the General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) by \$500,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 by removing the requirement to restrict the use of benefits on the electronic benefits card (EBT) by recipients of temporary assistance for needy families on specific items and activities by blocking prohibited purchases through electronic means.

The amendment also changes a committee to a feasibility group and removes authority to provide advice to the DHHS and requires the DHHS to initiate an administrative hearing if it finds the recipient has purchased prohibited items. These changes do not impact the estimated cost of this bill.