



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Eliminate Drug Use among Welfare Recipients

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Ward of Dedham

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
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$288,329	\$294,740	\$301,609	\$309,067
<b>Revenue</b>				
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#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will require Federal Block Grant Fund allocations of \$288,329 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$294,740 in fiscal year 2018-19 for 3 Senior Planners to conduct and score the comprehensive substance abuse screening, schedule drug tests, make referrals to treatment programs and to cover the cost of additional written screenings that will be required. Additionally, if an applicant or recipient of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits does not appeal or fails a 2nd drug test, that individual is denied TANF benefits for 120 days. To the extent that such denials occur, Federal Block Grant Fund expenditures will be reduced.

There will also be an additional cost for the drug tests (\$62/each). It is unknown how many of these tests will be required after the screening is complete. Also, it is expected that there will be additional expenditures for MaineCare or DHHS substance abuse treatment contracts due to increased enrollment in treatment programs. No estimate of these costs is made at this time.