



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Improve Rural Health Care

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,374,645	\$2,931,005	\$2,921,472	\$2,921,472
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,374,645	\$2,798,005	\$2,788,472	\$2,788,472
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$2,935,669	\$5,833,622	\$5,832,155	\$5,832,055
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$133,000)	(\$133,000)	(\$133,000)
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$2,936,669	\$5,833,622	\$5,832,155	\$5,832,155
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$7,000)	(\$7,000)	(\$7,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$1,374,645 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$2,787,005 in fiscal year 2020-21 for the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45 regarding the department's total annual obligation to rural and nonrural hospitals and acute care critical access hospitals and to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 103 regarding the department's reimbursement methodology to provide an alternative payment methodology option for rural health clinics. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match.

The bill provides a subtraction modification from income tax for student loan payments made by a taxpayer's employer directly to a lender on behalf of a qualified health care employee. It would result in a reduction of General Fund revenue of \$133,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 and a reduction in Local Government Fund revenue of \$7,000 in fiscal year 2020-21. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$11,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 for computer programming to update the individual income tax return.