



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 910

LR 284(05)

An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

S "A" (S-609)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$20,000,000)	(\$56,000,000)	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0
Transfers				
General Fund	\$20,000,000	\$56,000,000	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 for supplemental payments to municipalities for the unanticipated fiscal and operational costs of the general assistance program related to the COVID-19 pandemic. It also includes a transfer of \$10,000,000 by June 30, 2022 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns, Other Special Revenue Fund account to fund the allocation.

To reimburse the General Fund, the bill was also intended to transfer \$10,000,000 from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund at the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund by June 30, 2022. Due to a drafting error, the bill transfers \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$56,000,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. LD 2041, "An Act to Correct Errors in Recently Enacted Legislation", corrects this.