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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 666, L.D. 910, “An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Transfer from Liquor Operation Revenue Fund. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 6054, subsection 4, or any other provision of law to the contrary, and in addition to any amount authorized to be transferred in fiscal years 2021-22 or 2022-23, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank shall transfer \$30,000,000 during fiscal year 2021-22 and \$56,000,000 during fiscal year 2022-23 from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund, established in Title 30-A, section 6054, subsection 1, to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Sec. 2. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus to Department of Health and Human Services, General Assistance. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2022, the State Controller shall transfer \$10,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, General Assistance, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purpose of a one-time, supplemental payment for the unanticipated fiscal and operational costs to the general assistance program during the COVID-19 pandemic. The department shall distribute funds under this section proportionally to each municipality and federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State based on the general assistance costs incurred by that municipality or federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State during fiscal year 2020-21. A municipality or federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State may use funds received under this section to offset potential reductions in federal funding in fiscal year 2022-23, potential reductions in funding related to the end of the public health emergency and other unanticipated costs incurred by the municipality or federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State during the COVID-19 pandemic. The department shall distribute funds under this section as a lump-sum distribution to each municipality and federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State.

Sec. 3. Review of general assistance program. The Department of Health and Human Services shall review long-term improvements to the general assistance program.

SENATE AMENDMENT

