



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1873

LR 2934(01)

An Act To Align State-funded Benefits with Federal Eligibility Standards

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Sanderson of Chelsea

Committee: Not Referred

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$6,064,666)	(\$6,064,666)	(\$6,064,666)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$6,064,666)	(\$6,064,666)	(\$6,064,666)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund deappropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) of \$6,064,666 beginning in fiscal year 2018-19 to repeal the provisions that prevent noncitizens who would otherwise be eligible for benefits but for their status as aliens under federal law, from receiving state-only food supplement program benefits, supplemental security income benefits and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families benefits. It also amends the definition of "eligible person" in the municipal general assistance laws to repeal the provision in state law that affirmatively provides that a person who is lawfully present in the United States or who is pursuing a lawful process to apply for immigration relief is eligible for municipal general assistance for up to 24 months and to instead state that these noncitizens are not eligible for state-funded general assistance.