

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 823

House of Representatives, March 7, 2019

### **An Act To Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities**

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Greene.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy  
Tribe, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §51** is enacted to read:

3 **§51. Block grant set aside; vulnerable communities and Indian tribes**

4 Notwithstanding section 5327 or any other provision of law to the contrary, for each  
5 block grant received by the department from the Federal Government, the department  
6 shall annually set aside an amount equal to 20% of the total amount of the block grant to  
7 be awarded to the most vulnerable communities in the State, as determined by the  
8 department by rule, and an amount equal to 10% of the total amount of the block grant to  
9 be awarded to federally recognized Indian nations, tribes and bands in the State. The  
10 department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this  
11 section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to annually set aside  
14 20% of each federal block grant it receives for the most vulnerable communities in the  
15 State and 10% of each federal block grant it receives for federally recognized Indian  
16 nations, tribes and bands in the State.