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STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "*B*" to H.P. 1249, L.D. 1705,
Bill, "AN ACT to Revise the General Assistance Laws."

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

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'22 MRSA §4311, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

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1-B. Reimbursement for administrative expenses.
The department shall reimburse each municipality for
the administrative costs of its general assistance
program if the department finds that the municipality
was in compliance with all requirements of this
chapter during the fiscal year for which reimbursement
is sought. The amount of reimbursement to each
municipality shall be an amount equal to:

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A. Fifty percent of all general assistance
granted to that municipality below the .0003% of
all state valuation amount; or

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B. Reasonable administrative costs of the
municipality's general assistance program, defined
as 10% of net general assistance cost.

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Each municipality shall elect to be reimbursed under
paragraph A or B at the beginning of the fiscal year
for which reimbursement is sought.

1 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
2 subsection shall take effect on July 1, 1989.

3 FISCAL NOTE

4 The program enacted by this bill will require
5 additional General Fund appropriations in fiscal year
6 1989-90 for increased reimbursement for general
7 assistance to towns and cities, \$1,900,000.'

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 This amendment provides for additional
10 reimbursement by the State to the municipalities for
11 expenses incurred through the general assistance
12 program. Each municipality shall choose one of the
13 following options for additional reimbursement:

14 1. State funding of 50% of all municipal general
15 assistance expenditures below the current threshold.
16 (Continue reimbursement at 90% above that obligation
17 threshold); or

18 2. State reimbursement for the reasonable
19 administrative costs of the general assistance
20 program, calculated as 10% of the general assistance
21 cost for that municipality.

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