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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

127TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 384, L.D. 1097, Bill, "An Act To Improve the Integrity of Maine's Welfare Programs"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 in paragraph A in the first line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Hampshire;" the following: 'or'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 by striking out all of paragraph B (page 1, lines 7 to 9 in L.D.)

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 in paragraph C in the first line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "C. To" and inserting the following: 'B. To'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. Office of the Attorney General to hire fraud prosecutor. By January 1, 2017, the Office of the Attorney General shall hire one additional assistant attorney general to prosecute fraud, including the fraudulent use of public assistance benefits.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Food Supplement Administration Z019

Initiative: Provides funds for technology updates required to limit use of EBT cards outside of the State.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$108,215
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$108,215

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
2	All Other	\$0	\$108,215
3			
4	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$108,215</u>

5 **State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income 0131**

6 Initiative: Provides funds for technology updates required to limit use of EBT cards
7 outside of the State.

8	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
9	All Other	\$0	\$50,890
10			
11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50,890</u>

12 **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138**

13 Initiative: Provides funds for technology updates required to limit use of EBT cards
14 outside of the State.

15	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2015-16	2016-17
16	All Other	\$0	\$7,680
17			
18	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$7,680</u>

19	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
20	DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)		
21	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
22			
23	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$159,105
24	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$108,215
25	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$0	\$7,680
26			
27	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$275,000</u>

28 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
29 allocations are made.

30 **ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

31 **Human Services Division 0696**

32 Initiative: Provides funds for one Assistant Attorney General position to prosecute the
33 fraudulent use of public assistance.

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1	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
2	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
3	Personal Services	\$0	\$56,764
4	All Other	\$0	\$6,605
5			
6	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$63,369
7	ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF		
8	THE		
9	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
10			
11	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$63,369
12			
13	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$63,369
14	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)		
15	Division of Audit Z157		
16	Initiative: Provides funding for increased legal services.		
17	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
18	All Other	\$0	\$31,685
19			
20	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$31,685
21	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
22	All Other	\$0	\$32,707
23			
24	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$32,707
25	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
26	DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)		
27	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
28			
29	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$31,685
30	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$32,707
31			
32	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$64,392

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1	SECTION TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
2			
3	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$31,685
4	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$96,076
5			
6	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$127,761
7			

8 SUMMARY

9 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, removes from the
10 bill the restriction on the withdrawal of cash from the electronic benefits transfer system
11 account of a recipient of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program benefits. It
12 also requires the Office of the Attorney General to hire an additional assistant attorney
13 general to prosecute fraud, replacing the provision in the bill that provides for the hiring
14 of fraud investigators in the Department of Health and Human Services.

15 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

16 (See attached)



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1097

LR 418(03)

An Act To Improve the Integrity of Maine's Welfare Programs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-482)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$190,790	\$95,191	\$95,191
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$190,790	\$95,191	\$95,191
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$108,215	\$21,643	\$21,643
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$96,076	\$191,223	\$197,184
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$0	\$7,680	\$1,536	\$1,536
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$108,215	\$21,643	\$21,643
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$96,076	\$191,223	\$197,184
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$0	\$7,680	\$1,536	\$1,536

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$190,790 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Department of Health and Human Services for technology updates and annual operating costs required to limit use of EBT cards outside of the State. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations of \$108,215 and Federal Block Grant Fund allocations of \$7,680 in fiscal year 2016-17 will also be required for this technology update. There is also an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$32,707 in fiscal year 2016-17 to DHHS for increased legal services for additional fraud prosecutor services.

Any savings achieved would likely not accrue to the General Fund due to the Maintenance of Effort spending required of the State to receive the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Federal Block Grant funds.

It also includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$63,369 in fiscal year 2016-17 for the Department of the Attorney General for one Assistant Attorney General position and related costs.