

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT “ B ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 257,  
L.D. 424, “An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain  
Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government”

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part T the following:

**'PART U**

**Sec. U-1. Legislative intent regarding structural income tax relief.** It is the  
intent of the Legislature that the budget next enacted after enactment of this Act by the  
131st Legislature affecting the 2024-2025 biennium must include structural individual  
income tax relief that primarily benefits low-income and middle-income individuals and  
families beginning in tax year 2024 with a 2024-2025 General Fund biennial cost equal to  
\$200,000,000.

**PART V**

**Sec. V-1. Public assistance reform working group.** In order to strengthen and  
enhance the State's workforce participation, the Governor shall convene a working group  
to evaluate the State's unemployment compensation system and the Temporary Assistance  
for Needy Families program, the MaineCare program, the general assistance program and  
the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for effectiveness, misuse and redundancy  
to inform deliberations on the budget next enacted by the 131st Legislature. The Governor  
shall submit the findings and recommendations of the working group's deliberations to the  
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs no later than May 15,  
2023.'

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment states that the Legislature intends, in the budget next enacted after  
this Act, to implement income tax relief that benefits low-income and middle-income  
individuals and families beginning in tax year 2024 at a cost of \$200,000,000 for the 2024-  
2025 biennium.

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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 257, L.D. 424 (S-14)

1           The amendment also requires the Governor to convene a working group to evaluate the  
2 State's unemployment compensation system and the Temporary Assistance for Needy  
3 Families program, the MaineCare program, the general assistance program and the  
4 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for effectiveness, misuse and redundancy and  
5 provide a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
6 to inform deliberations on the budget next enacted by the 131st Legislature.

7           SPONSORED BY: 

8                   (Senator BENNETT, R.)

9                   COUNTY: Oxford

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

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Approved: 03/28/23 *MACC*



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 424

LR 1170(13)

An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law  
Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-14)

Sponsor: Sen. Bennett of Oxford

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to state agencies associated with the working group to evaluate public assistance programs are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.