



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Municipal General Assistance

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Brakey of Androscoggin

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential current biennium savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes a 180-day state residency requirement for applicants for municipal general assistance. By adding this limit, there will likely be individuals who currently receive benefits who would no longer be eligible, for a time. This will potentially decrease the general assistance funding required by the Department of Health and Human Services. A more precise estimate of the fiscal impact is not possible because recipient data related to number of months on assistance, amounts paid to each recipient and the number of recipients who could potentially be impacted by this new residency requirement is kept at the municipal level and varies over time.