



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act to Create a 9-month Time Limit on General Assistance Benefits for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents

### 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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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Potential current biennium savings - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would limit to a maximum of 275 days every 5 years the general assistance benefits a person who does not have any dependents and who is capable of working may receive. 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 reach the new limit is kept at the municipal level and varies over time.