

SB 152-FN-A - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL ***152-FN-A***

AN ACT relative to affordable housing program funding.

SPONSORS: Sen. Gray, Dist 6

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires the department of health and human services to submit a State Plan Amendment to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services.

II. Permits an extension of the timeline for repayments to the homeless housing and access revolving loan fund for emergency circumstances.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT relative to affordable housing program funding.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Department of Health and Human Services; Housing Assistance. The department of health
2 and human services shall, no later than December 1, 2021, submit to the Centers of Medicare and
3 Medicaid Services a 1915i State Plan Amendment to provide supportive services to assist individuals
4 and families in obtaining housing.

5 2 Homeless Housing and Access Revolving Loan Fund. Amend RSA 126-A:63 to read as follows:

6 126-A:63 Homeless Housing and Access Revolving Loan Fund. There is hereby established a
7 non-lapsing and continually appropriated homeless housing and access revolving loan fund. The
8 fund shall be administered by the department of health and human services with advice and
9 recommendations from the governor's interagency council on homelessness. To be eligible, an
10 applicant shall have no permanent address and shall be residing temporarily in a shelter for the
11 homeless, a hotel, a motel, the home of another household designed for occupancy by only one
12 household, or entirely without shelter. Funds shall be used solely to provide loans for the first
13 month of rent and security deposit for homeless individuals and families. Repayment terms of the
14 loans shall be determined by the department in consultation with the interagency council and shall
15 be based on need. Such repayments shall commence no later than 120 days after the loan is
16 disbursed, ***provided that the time line for such repayments may be extended with the***
17 ***approval of the commissioner for emergency circumstances or other good cause shown.***

18 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

**SB 152-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Appropriation	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Federal Matching Medicaid Funds			

METHODOLOGY:

Section one of this bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit to the federal Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services a 1915(i) State Plan Amendment to provide supportive services to assist individuals and families in obtaining housing. The Department assumes there will be no fiscal impact related to drafting and submitting the proposed amendment. The Department states that as of February 2021, it is working on determining what the financial impact will be if the amendment is approved and supportive services must be made available to assist Medicaid-eligible individuals and families in obtaining housing. The Department notes that the bill contains no appropriation for this purpose, but assumes that any general fund expenditures would be matched by federal Medicaid funds.

Section two of the bill appropriates \$5 million in each of FY 2022 and 2023 to the NH Housing Finance Authority for the purpose of providing finance or state matching funds for affordable housing.

Section three amends RSA 126-A:63 relative to repayments of loans from the Homeless Housing and Access Revolving Loan Fund. This section is not expected to have a fiscal impact.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Health and Human Services and New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority