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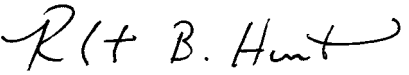
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H.P. 810

House of Representatives, March 25, 2025

An Act to Establish Transparency in Opioid Settlement Funds Allocated to Municipalities or Counties

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ROEDER of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and
Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DRINKWATER of Milford, FAIRCLOTH of
Bangor, RANA of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor, Senators: BRADSTREET of Kennebec,
TIPPING of Penobscot.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §203-D is enacted to read:

§203-D. Reporting on funds received by direct share subdivisions pursuant to court settlements of opioid crisis litigation

A direct share subdivision that receives funds pursuant to the court settlements of the opioid crisis litigation, as set forth in the Memoranda of Understanding, shall submit a report to the Attorney General by January 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, detailing the amount of such funds received and expended in the prior calendar year, including a description of each such expenditure.

As used in this section, "Memoranda of Understanding" has the same meaning as in section 203-C, subsection 1, paragraph C and "direct share subdivision" means a municipality or county that is a plaintiff subdivision identified in Exhibit 3 of the Memoranda of Understanding.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that a direct share subdivision that receives opioid settlement funds in accordance with the Maine State-Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds, dated and signed on January 26, 2022, and the Maine State-Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds-2023, dated and signed on May 2, 2023, collectively defined in the bill as "Memoranda of Understanding," must submit an annual report to the Attorney General detailing the amount of such funds received and expended in the prior calendar year and including a description of each such expenditure. The first annual report must be submitted by January 15, 2026. "Direct share subdivision" is defined in the bill as a municipality or county that is a plaintiff subdivision identified in Exhibit 3 of the Memoranda of Understanding.