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HOUSE BILL ***1411-FN***

AN ACT relative to requiring agencies and their contractors to accept cash payments.

SPONSORS: Rep. Comtois, Belk. 7; Rep. Hoell, Merr. 27

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill requires state agencies, their contractors, and subcontractors to accept cash payments.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

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

1 New Section; Cash Payments. Amend RSA 21-G by inserting after section 6-b the following new section:

21-G:6-c Cash Payments. The head of any state agency or department, any authorized employee or agent of the head, their contractors and subcontractors, shall accept cash at all transaction points for any payment administered by such commissioner or collected by the department. No additional fees or fines shall be assessed on cash payments made in full.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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HB 1411-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: [X] State [ ] County [ ] Local [ ] None

Estimated State Impact - Increase / (Decrease)				
	FY 2024	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**
Revenue	$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Revenue Fund(s)	General Fund and Highway Fund Various Agency Funds			
Expenditures	$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
Funding Source(s)	General Fund and Highway Fund Various Agency Funds			
Appropriations	$0	$0	$0	$0
Funding Source(s)	None			

- Does this bill provide sufficient funding to cover estimated expenditures? [X] No
- Does this bill authorize new positions to implement this bill? [X] No

METHODOLOGY:

The Department of Administrative Services states this bill mandates state agencies to accept cash payments without imposing extra fees or fines. This requirement necessitates new procedures at each payment location, such as terminals, designated staff, security, cash handling, banking, and accounting. Most state agencies currently only accept credit card payments online, with some already accepting cash in public settings like state liquor stores, parks, and toll booths.

The fiscal impact is indeterminable due to limited information on agencies currently accepting cash, transaction volumes, and existing infrastructure. Consequently, the Department of Administrative Services cannot estimate the bill's fiscal impact or the changes in state expenditures. Importantly, the bill lacks provisions for adequate funding to cover the expected costs for agencies that currently don't accept cash, necessitating changes or new positions.

Lastly, while there might be an increase in revenue due to the mandated acceptance of cash payments, this increase may be partially offset by the absence of fees or fines imposed on complete cash payments.

It is assumed the fiscal impact will not occur until FY 2025.

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