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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 758, L.D. 1923, Bill, "An Act To Improve the Child Welfare System"

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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

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Sec. 4. Report. The Department of Health and Human Services shall report in writing to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 31, 2019 on the progress of the department in implementing the provisions of this Act and the progress on and results from any external audit of the department's child protective services system.

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Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137

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Initiative: Provides funding for increased foster home reimbursement rates to increase recruitment and retention of foster families in this State.

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GENERAL FUND

2017-18

2018-19

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All Other

\$0

\$386,493

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GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$0

\$386,493

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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

2017-18

2018-19

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All Other

\$0

\$579,738

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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$0

\$579,738

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Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452

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1 Initiative: Provides increased funding for the creation of 16 Human Services Casework
2 Supervisor positions within the Office of Child and Family Services, child protective
3 services to increase coaching and oversight of child protective staff.

4	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
5	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	16.000
6	Personal Services	\$0	\$768,701
7	All Other	\$0	\$68,727
8			
9	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$837,428</u>

10	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
11	Personal Services	\$0	\$168,740
12	All Other	\$0	\$21,182
13			
14	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$189,922</u>

15 **Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

16 Initiative: Provides funding for the creation of 2 Regional Associate Director for Child
17 Welfare positions.

18	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
19	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000
20	Personal Services	\$0	\$161,112
21	All Other	\$0	\$8,580
22			
23	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$169,692</u>

24	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
25	Personal Services	\$0	\$35,366
26	All Other	\$0	\$1,883
27			
28	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$37,249</u>

29 **Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

30 Initiative: Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7065, provides
31 funding for the recruitment and retention of employees in Child Protective Services
32 Caseworker positions, Child Protective Services Caseworker Supervisor positions, Child
33 Protective Services Assistant Program Administrator positions and Child Protective
34 Services Program Administrator positions via a \$5 per wage-hour stipend payment.

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1	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
2	Personal Services	\$0	\$3,040,731
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,040,731</u>

5	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
6	Personal Services	\$0	\$651,269
7			
8	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$651,269</u>

9 **Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

10 Initiative: Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7065, provides

11 funding for the recruitment and retention of employees in Child Protective Services

12 Caseworker positions, Child Protective Services Caseworker Supervisor positions, Child

13 Protective Services Assistant Program Administrator positions and Child Protective

14 Services Program Administrator positions via a \$1 per wage-hour stipend payment for

15 employees holding or obtaining a relevant master's degree.

16	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
17	Personal Services	\$0	\$93,808
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19	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$93,808</u>

20	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
21	Personal Services	\$0	\$20,592
22			
23	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$20,592</u>

24 **State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

25 Initiative: Provides funding for increased foster home reimbursement rates to increase

26 recruitment and retention of foster families in this State.

27	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
28	All Other	\$0	\$2,586,929
29			
30	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,586,929</u>

31 **State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

32 Initiative: Provides increased funding for procurement of a pilot program for child

33 welfare services to support children in the State's custody through supportive visitation,

34 which will allow for the supervision of court-ordered visitation with relatives of the

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1 children and will provide assessment and evaluation of parental capacity as it relates to
 2 the parent's ability to safely care for the child.

3	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
4	All Other	\$0	\$2,250,000
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6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,250,000</u>

7 **State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

8 Initiative: Provides increased funding for procurement of child welfare services to
 9 support children in the State's custody through clinical support and guidance of child
 10 welfare casework practice. This funding will allow each district office to procure a
 11 clinician to aid the district in clinical consultation within child welfare cases, in training
 12 to increase staff knowledge of mental health and behavioral needs of children in the
 13 State's custody and in consultation within child welfare cases on parental capacity. In
 14 addition, this increase in funding will allow for procurement of clinical services to
 15 support each district office to evaluate staff functioning and provide debriefing for critical
 16 incidents.

17	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
18	All Other	\$0	\$880,000
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20	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$880,000</u>

21 **State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

22 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the development of a new comprehensive child
 23 welfare information system.

24	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
25	All Other	\$0	\$8,000,000
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27	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$8,000,000</u>

28 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,**
 29 **DEPARTMENT OF**
 30 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

31		2017-18	2018-19
32	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$18,245,081
33	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$579,738
34	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$899,032
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128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1923

LR 3088(03)

An Act To Improve the Child Welfare System

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment **B (S-549)**
Committee: Health and Human Services
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$18,245,081	\$11,697,106	\$11,726,871
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$18,245,081	\$11,697,106	\$11,726,871
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$579,738	\$695,686	\$695,686
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$899,032	\$1,085,206	\$1,091,740

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$18,245,081 in fiscal year 2018-19 to increase foster home reimbursement rates, provide stipends to positions, procure a pilot program to provide supportive visitation, provide clinical support of child welfare casework practice and develop a new child welfare information system, hire 16 Human Services Caseworker Supervisor positions and hire 2 Regional Associate Director for Child Welfare positions for the child protective services program. The bill also includes Federal Expenditures Fund allocations and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations for the federal match.