

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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3 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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5 STATE OF MAINE

6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

7 132ND LEGISLATURE

8 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 976, L.D. 1485, "An Act to Create a  
10 Minimum Standard of Pathology for Children Under 3 Years of Age Who Die of Sudden  
11 Infant Death Syndrome or an Unknown Cause"

12 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the  
13 following:

14 'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3028, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:

15 9-A. Certain deaths of children under 3 years of age. If a medical examiner has  
16 determined that a child under 3 years of age has died as a result of sudden unknown infant  
17 death syndrome, suffocation or strangulation or the medical examiner is unable to  
18 determine the cause of death of the child, the Chief Medical Examiner shall conduct:

19 A. A toxicology test that includes a complete blood count test and testing for c-reactive  
20 protein, aluminum, arsenic, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, iron, lead, manganese,  
21 mercury and branched and linear perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances; and

22 B. At the request of the parent or guardian of the child, any additional forensic  
23 toxicology testing as long as the testing is readily available or accessible.

24 The Chief Medical Examiner shall obtain, preserve and retain sufficient tissue and fluid  
25 samples and other evidence necessary to make a subsequent determination of the cause of  
26 death for 2 years following the date of the death of the child. Such evidence must be made  
27 available to an accredited or licensed testing facility at the request of the parent or guardian  
28 of the child.

29 Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and  
30 allocations are made.

31 ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE

32 Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412

33 Initiative: Provides funding for additional toxicology testing of certain deaths of children  
34 under 3 years of age.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 976, L.D. 1485

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$14,295	\$14,295
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$14,295</u>	<u>\$14,295</u>

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, makes the following changes to the bill.

1. It replaces "sudden infant death" with the more current terminology of "sudden unknown infant death."

2. It requires the Chief Medical Examiner to conduct a toxicology test for any child under 3 years of age who died as a result of sudden unknown infant death syndrome, suffocation or strangulation or whose death is unexplained. The test must include a complete blood count test and testing for c-reactive protein, aluminum, arsenic, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, iron, lead, manganese, mercury and branched and linear perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

3. It requires the Chief Medical Examiner, at the request of the parent or guardian of the child, to conduct any additional forensic toxicology testing as long as it is readily available or accessible.

4. It requires the Chief Medical Examiner to obtain, preserve and retain sufficient tissue and fluid samples for 2 years after the death of the child. The evidence must be made available to a testing facility at the request of the parent or guardian of the child.

5. It adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

## COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1485

LR 2192(02)

## An Act to Create a Minimum Standard of Pathology for Children Under 3 Years of Age Who Die of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or an Unknown Cause

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-549)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$14,295	\$14,295	\$14,295	\$14,295
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$14,295	\$14,295	\$14,295	\$14,295

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Office of the Attorney General of \$14,295 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 for additional toxicology testing of certain deaths of children under 3 years of age.