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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 819, L.D. 1142, Bill, "An Act to Provide for Suit Against Certain State Employees"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Child and Family Services - Regional		
All Other	\$14,730	\$19,640

Provides funds to purchase liability insurance to cover certain employees in the department.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of the Attorney General may require additional General Fund appropriations for one Assistant Attorney

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2 General position and general operating expenses to handle the
3 increased workload in the area of torts handled by the Litigation
4 Division if a significant number of civil suits against
5 Department of Human Services employees are filed. The fiscal
6 year in which the additional General Fund appropriations will be
7 required will depend on the timing and number of civil actions
8 filed in the court system. The annual costs are estimated to be
approximately \$55,000.

10 This bill includes additional General Fund appropriations of
11 \$14,730 and \$19,640 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01,
12 respectively, for the Department of Human Services to purchase
13 liability insurance for affected employees.

14 This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in
15 the court system. The additional workload and administrative
16 costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed can
17 be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
18 Department. The collection of additional filing fees may also
19 increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This amendment adds an appropriation section and a fiscal
26 note to the bill.