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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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120TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to S.P. 48, L.D. 216, Bill, "An Act to Offer Greater Financial Incentives Promoting Quality Child Care"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3737, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 158, §2, is amended to read:

**3. Quality differential.** To the extent permitted by federal law, the department may shall pay a differential rate for child care services that meet or that make substantial progress toward meeting nationally recognized quality standards, such as those standards required by the Head Start program or required for accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and shall do so from the Child Care and ~~Development-Block-Grant~~ Development Fund 25% Quality Set-aside funds or by other acceptable federal practices. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A. The rules must limit payment of the differential for substantial progress to a period of one year. The rules must provide differential rates for substantial progress and must define substantial progress as:

A. Having submitted program descriptions and awaiting a scheduled visit from an accrediting body approved by the department; or

B. For family child care, having submitted a portfolio for a child development associate and awaiting a scheduled observation.

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**Sec. 2. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the Federal Block Grant Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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**HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Child Care Services**

All Other	\$95,397	\$190,794
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Provides funds from the Child Care and Development Fund to allow for a differential rate of compensation for child care services for those providers that make substantial progress towards meeting nationally recognized quality standards.'

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

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**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

Other Funds	\$95,397	\$190,794
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This bill includes Federal Block Grant Fund allocations from the Child Care and Development Fund of \$95,397 and \$190,794 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively, for the Child Care Services program within the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to provide a differential rate of compensation for child care services for those providers that make substantial progress towards meeting nationally recognized quality standards.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill. It changes language in existing law regarding the payment of childcare services differentials. It requires the payment of differentials from

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 48, L.D. 216

2 Child Care Development Fund quality funds for childcare services  
that meet recognized standards or make substantial progress  
4 towards meeting them. It defines substantial progress and limits  
payment of the differential to one year. It also adds an  
6 allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.