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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 81, L.D. 73, Bill, "An Act to Make the Children's Ombudsman Program an Independent Office"

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Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of the first 2 lines (page 1, lines 3 and 4 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

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'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4087-A, as amended by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. EEE, §1, is further amended to read:'

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Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§4087-A." in subsection 4 by striking out the first 3 lines (page 1, lines 46 to 48 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

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'4. Services. The program shall provide services directly ~~or under contract~~. The first priority in the work of the program and any contract for ombudsman services must be case-specific advocacy services. Any work on systems improvements or lobbying must be adjunctive to case-specific activities. The program may:'

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Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§4087-A." by inserting at the end the following:

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'12. Administration. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall administer and monitor the contract for ombudsman services under this section.'

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 81, L.D. 73

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

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Ombudsman Program

Initiative: Deappropriates funds resulting from the transfer of the ombudsman program from the Executive Department to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

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| General Fund | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
| All Other | \$0 | (\$63,753) |
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| General Fund Total | \$0 | (\$63,753) |

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

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| GENERAL FUND | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
| | \$0 | (\$63,753) |
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| DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS | \$0 | (\$63,753) |

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Ombudsman Program

Initiative: Appropriates funds resulting from the transfer of the ombudsman program from the Executive Department to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

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| General Fund | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
| All Other | \$0 | \$63,753 |
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| General Fund Total | \$0 | \$63,753 |

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

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| GENERAL FUND | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
| | \$0 | \$63,753 |
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| DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS | \$0 | \$63,753 |

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| SECTION TOTALS | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
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HOUSE AMENDMENT

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 81, L.D. 73

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| GENERAL FUND | \$0 | \$0 |
| SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to administer and monitor the contract for child welfare ombudsman services. The ombudsman program was established in the Executive Department. This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill. This amendment also makes technical changes to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

SPONSORED BY: Thomas L. Shields MO
(Representative SHIELDS)

TOWN: Auburn

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



LD 73

An Act to Make the Children's Ombudsman Program an Independent Office

LR 0711(04)

Fiscal Note for House Amendment " "

Sponsor: Rep. Shields

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Current biennium savings - General Fund

| | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | Projections 2005-06 | Projections 2006-07 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Appropriations/Allocations | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Transferring the administration and monitoring of the Ombudsman program from the Executive Department to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services beginning in fiscal year 2004-05 will result in no net fiscal impact to the General Fund. The bill includes a deappropriation from the Executive Department of \$63,753 and an appropriation to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services of a like amount to move the program.