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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1419, L.D. 1917, Bill, "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council"

Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all that part designed "§3-A." (page 1, lines 21 to 27 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'§3-A. State wards

When a state ward becomes 18 years of age and he the state ward and the department agree that need for care and support for educational, social or physical reasons exists, the department is authorized to continue care and support of this person up to the age of 21 years.

1. Continued support for certain state wards who reach 21 years of age and are enrolled in postsecondary education programs. When a state ward who is enrolled in a postsecondary education program becomes 21 years of age prior to the completion of the postsecondary education program, the department is authorized, at its discretion and by agreement with that state ward, to continue providing support for room, board and related education expenses until the state ward becomes 23 years of age. Funds allocated under this subsection must come from an identified education and training account specifically established for the postsecondary education-related costs of state wards after they become 21 years of age and before they become 23 years of age.'

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

R.018

2 'Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. The following
4 appropriations and allocations are made.

6 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

8 **Child Welfare Services - Education and Training Account 0139**

10 Initiative: Provides base allocations in the event that funds
12 are received for a new education and training account established
14 for the postsecondary education-related costs of state wards
16 after they become 21 years of age and before they become 23 years
18 of age.

16	Federal Expenditures Fund	2003-04	2004-05
	All Other	\$0	\$500
18	Federal Expenditures Fund Total	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$0	\$500
20	Other Special Revenue Funds	2003-04	2004-05
	All Other	\$0	\$500
22	Other Special Revenue Funds Total	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$0	\$500

24 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

26	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2003-04	2004-05
28	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$500
	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$500
30	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$0	\$1,000'

34 **SUMMARY**

36 This amendment clarifies the proposal in the bill related to
38 the continued provision of state support for state wards who are
40 still enrolled in postsecondary education programs when they
42 reach 21 years of age. The amendment authorizes the Department
44 of Human Services, at its discretion and by agreement with a
46 state ward, to continue providing support for room, board and
48 related education expenses until that state ward reaches 23 years
50 of age. Funds allocated to provide support must come from an
identified education and training account specifically
established for the postsecondary education-related costs of
state wards after they reach age 21 and before they reach age
23. This amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations
section.

R.O.S.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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

LD 1917

**An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Legislative Youth
Advisory Council**

LR 2774(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$10,100	\$10,100
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$10,100	\$10,100
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill gives the Department of Human Services authority, at its discretion and by agreement with the state ward, to continue to provide support for the postsecondary education-related costs of the state ward after they become 21 years of age and before they become 23 years of age. The Department estimates that approximately 20 young adults would be likely candidates at an estimated cost of \$5,000 per person or \$100,000 in total per year. Given the discretionary language in the bill, the Department assumes it will only offer such services if funds are available. The bill specifies funding for this purpose be appropriated or allocated to an identified education and training account specifically established for this purpose, but does not identify a funding source. Accordingly, an account is created with base allocations in the event that funds are received or transferred by financial order within the Department.

Requiring the Legislature to provide funding for the total expenses of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council beginning July 1, 2005 will require General Fund appropriations to the Legislature of \$10,100 annually beginning in fiscal year 2005-06.

Additional costs to the Department of Education, the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, and the Office of the Secretary of State to participate in the required studies and to prepare the required reports can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.

Additional costs to the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System, and the Maine Maritime Academy can also be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.