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House of Representatives, March 4, 2008

An Act To Fund the Universal Childhood Immunization Program

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CONNOR of Kennebunk.
Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and
Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CRAVEN of Lewiston,
FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FINLEY of Skowhegan, MILLER of Somerville, PINGREE of North
Haven, Senator: RAYE of Washington.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 251, sub-c. 2-B** is enacted to read:

3 **SUBCHAPTER 2-B**

4 **UNIVERSAL CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM**

5 **§1071. Definitions**

6 As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following
7 terms have the following meanings.

8 **1. Advisory committee.** "Advisory committee" means the United States
9 Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
10 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

11 **2. Program.** "Program" means the Universal Childhood Immunization Program
12 established in section 1072.

13 **§1072. Universal Childhood Immunization Program**

14 The Universal Childhood Immunization Program is established in accordance with
15 this section.

16 **1. Vaccines included.** The department shall include in the program those vaccines
17 for childhood immunizations recommended by the advisory committee and designated for
18 coverage by the federal Vaccines for Children Program. The department shall allow each
19 health care provider participating in the program to select vaccines from a list of all
20 vaccines that:

21 A. Are approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration;

22 B. Are recommended by the advisory committee; and

23 C. Are made available under contract with the United States Department of Health
24 and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

25 **§1073. Childhood Immunization Account**

26 The Childhood Immunization Account is established as a dedicated account within
27 the department. The department shall use all money in the account to effectuate the
28 provisions of the program. All money received under section 1074 must be deposited in
29 the account.

30 **Sec. 2. Rulemaking; Commissioner of Health and Human Services.** The
31 Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall adopt rules to implement the
32 Universal Childhood Immunization Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes,
33 Title 22, section 1072. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules
34 as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

1 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
2 allocations are made.

3 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)**

4 **Fund for a Healthy Maine - Immunization Program Z048**

5 Initiative: Provides funds for costs to the State for the purchase and distribution of all
6 childhood vaccines recommended by the federal Department of Health and Human
7 Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

	2007-08	2008-09
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9 FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2007-08	2008-09
10 All Other	\$0	\$2,329,762
11	_____	_____
12 FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	\$0	\$2,329,762
13 TOTAL		

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill establishes the Universal Childhood Immunization Program within the
16 Department of Health and Human Services. The department is directed to include in the
17 program those vaccines for childhood immunizations recommended by the United States
18 Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
19 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and designated for coverage by the
20 federal Vaccines for Children Program. The department is directed to annually determine
21 the dollar amount necessary to purchase, store, distribute and provide quality assurance
22 for vaccines for routine immunizations, in accordance with the recommendations of the
23 advisory committee, and to communicate this annual determination to the Superintendent
24 of Insurance. The bill establishes a dedicated account to effectuate the provisions of the
25 program. The bill provides funds for the program from the Fund for a Healthy Maine.