

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 1581

Date: 3/5/14

Majority

(Filing No. H-656)

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**126TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1152, L.D. 1581, Bill, "An Act To Increase Access to Quality Child Care"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Improve Business Certainty for Providers of Quality Child Care'**

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 by striking out all of paragraphs C, D and E (page 1, lines 21 to 23 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'C. A quality differential rate of at least 2% for step 2 child care services;

D. A quality differential rate of at least 5% for step 3 child care services; and

E. A quality differential rate of at least 10% for step 4 child care services.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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

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

**Child Care Services 0563**

Initiative: Allocates funds for changes in quality differential rates for child care services.

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
All Other	\$0	\$73,590
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$73,590

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The bill provides exact mandatory amounts for the quality child care differentials at steps 2, 3 and 4 of the 4-step

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**ROFS**

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1 child care quality rating system required by the bill. This amendment instead requires the  
2 Department of Health and Human Services to pay quality child care differential rates of at  
3 least 2% for step 2 child care services, at least 5% for step 3 child care services and at  
4 least 10% for step 4 child care services. These minimum rates are lower than those  
5 proposed in the bill. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

6 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

7 (See attached)



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LD 1581

LR 2338(02)

An Act To Increase Access to Quality Child Care

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-656)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## Fiscal Note

Appropriations/Allocations	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY	Projections FY
			2015-16	2016-17
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$0	\$73,590	\$71,090	\$71,090

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides a Federal Block Grant Fund allocation of \$73,590 in 2014-15 for changes in quality differential payments for child care services.