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House of Representatives, December 30, 2013

An Act To Preserve Head Start and Child Care Services

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 FREY of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FREDETTE of
Newport, POULIOT of Augusta, SANBORN of Gorham, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, Senators:
CRAVEN of Androscoggin, TUTTLE of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Recipient of funds.** Funds appropriated in this Act must be distributed
3 among the State's federally recognized nontribal Head Start grantees.

4 **Sec. 2. Use of funds.** Funds appropriated in this Act must be used to fund services
5 for pregnant women and for children from birth to 5 years of age in accordance with the
6 federally required community needs assessment performed by each of the State's
7 federally recognized nontribal Head Start grantees.

8 **Sec. 3. Distribution of General Fund support for Head Start programs.**
9 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all funds appropriated in fiscal year 2014-15
10 for Head Start programs in this Act must be distributed using a base allocation and a
11 supplemental allocation as follows.

12 1. The base allocation must be distributed on a per agency basis. The base allocation
13 must be divided into 13 equal shares. Each of the State's 11 nontribal Head Start
14 programs must receive a single share, with the exception of the Penquis Community
15 Action Program, Inc. and the Community Concepts, Inc. Head Start agencies, which each
16 receive 2 shares of the base allocation.

17 2. The supplemental allocation must be distributed among the 11 nontribal Head
18 Start programs in proportion to the number of children from birth to 5 years of age in
19 poverty in their respective service areas in relation to the number of children from birth to
20 5 years of age in poverty statewide.

21 3. The base allocation is set at \$1,740,000. The supplemental allocation is that
22 amount of General Fund support that exceeds the base allocation.

23 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
24 allocations are made.

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

26 **Head Start 0545**

27 Initiative: Appropriates funds to restore the reduction to Head Start program funds made
28 in fiscal year 2012-13. These funds will allow the State to maximize child care
29 development fund block grants to provide child care vouchers.

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31	GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
32	All Other	\$0	\$2,000,000
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34	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$2,000,000

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SUMMARY

This bill provides for the allocation of funding among Maine's 11 nontribal Head Start programs based on a formula that provides a base allocation to each program and distributes all remaining funding based on the number of children in poverty in each program's service area. The bill also provides a \$2,000,000 appropriation to state Head Start programs in fiscal year 2014-15, fully replacing the cut that was made in fiscal year 2012-13. These funds will allow the State to maximize child care development fund block grants to provide child care vouchers.