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L.D. 1923
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 758, L.D. 1923, Bill, "An Act To Improve the Child Welfare System"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

Sec. 4. Report. The Department of Health and Human Services shall report in writing to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 31, 2019 on the progress of the department in implementing the provisions of this Act and the progress on and results from any external audit of the department's child protective services system.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137**

Initiative: Provides funding for increased foster home reimbursement rates to increase recruitment and retention of foster families in this State.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$386,493
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$386,493

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$579,738
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$579,738

Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452

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1 Initiative: Provides increased funding for the creation of 16 Human Services Casework
2 Supervisor positions within the Office of Child and Family Services, child protective
3 services to increase coaching and oversight of child protective staff.

4	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
5	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	16.000
6	Personal Services	\$0	\$768,701
7	All Other	\$0	\$68,727
8			
9	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$837,428

10	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
11	Personal Services	\$0	\$168,740
12	All Other	\$0	\$21,182
13			
14	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$189,922

15 **Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

16 Initiative: Provides funding for the creation of 2 Regional Associate Director for Child
17 Welfare positions.

18	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
19	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000
20	Personal Services	\$0	\$161,112
21	All Other	\$0	\$8,580
22			
23	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$169,692

24	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
25	Personal Services	\$0	\$35,366
26	All Other	\$0	\$1,883
27			
28	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$37,249

29 **Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

30 Initiative: Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7065, provides
31 funding for the recruitment and retention of employees in Child Protective Services
32 Caseworker positions, Child Protective Services Caseworker Supervisor positions, Child
33 Protective Services Assistant Program Administrator positions and Child Protective
34 Services Program Administrator positions via a \$5 per wage-hour stipend payment.

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1	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
2	Personal Services	\$0	\$3,040,731
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,040,731</u>

5	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
6	Personal Services	\$0	\$651,269
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8	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$651,269</u>

9 **Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

10 Initiative: Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7065, provides
11 funding for the recruitment and retention of employees in Child Protective Services
12 Caseworker positions, Child Protective Services Caseworker Supervisor positions, Child
13 Protective Services Assistant Program Administrator positions and Child Protective
14 Services Program Administrator positions via a \$1 per wage-hour stipend payment for
15 employees holding or obtaining a relevant master's degree.

16	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
17	Personal Services	\$0	\$93,808
18			
19	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$93,808</u>

20	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
21	Personal Services	\$0	\$20,592
22			
23	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$20,592</u>

24 **Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

25 Initiative: Provides funding for 8 Customer Rep Assoc II - HS positions to act as clerical
26 case aides within the Office of Child and Family Services, child protective services.

27	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
28	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	8.000
29	Personal Services	\$0	\$347,634
30	All Other	\$0	\$34,992
31			
32	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$382,626</u>

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1	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
2	Personal Services	\$0	\$68,694
3	All Other	\$0	\$6,915
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5	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$75,609

6 **Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

7 Initiative: Provides funding for 16 Human Services Caseworker positions.

8	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
9	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	16.000
10	Personal Services	\$0	\$817,222
11	All Other	\$0	\$69,984
12			
13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$887,206

14	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
15	Personal Services	\$0	\$161,487
16	All Other	\$0	\$13,829
17			
18	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$175,316

19 **State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

20 Initiative: Provides funding for increased foster home reimbursement rates to increase
21 recruitment and retention of foster families in this State.

22	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
23	All Other	\$0	\$2,586,929
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25	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$2,586,929

26 **State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

27 Initiative: Provides increased funding for procurement of a pilot program for child
28 welfare services to support children in the State's custody through supportive visitation,
29 which will allow for the supervision of court-ordered visitation with relatives of the
30 children and will provide assessment and evaluation of parental capacity as it relates to
31 the parent's ability to safely care for the child.

32	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
33	All Other	\$0	\$2,250,000
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1 GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$2,250,000

2 State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

3 Initiative: Provides increased funding for procurement of child welfare services to
4 support children in the State's custody through clinical support and guidance of child
5 welfare casework practice. This funding will allow each district office to procure a
6 clinician to aid the district in clinical consultation within child welfare cases, in training
7 to increase staff knowledge of mental health and behavioral needs of children in the
8 State's custody and in consultation within child welfare cases on parental capacity. In
9 addition, this increase in funding will allow for procurement of clinical services to
10 support each district office to evaluate staff functioning and provide debriefing for critical
11 incidents.

12	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
13	All Other	\$0	\$880,000
14			
15	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$880,000</u>

16 State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

17 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the development of a new comprehensive child
18 welfare information system.

19	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
20	All Other	\$0	\$8,000,000
21			
22	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$8,000,000</u>

23 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
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25 DEPARTMENT TOTALS

26		2017-18	2018-19
27	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$19,514,913
28	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$579,738
29	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$1,149,957
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31	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$21,244,608</u>

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33 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
34 section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, provides funding for the creation of 16 Human Services Caseworker positions and 8 Customer Representative Associate II positions within the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services. It requires the department to report on the progress of the department in implementing the provisions of the legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 31, 2019. It also clarifies that the funding for the new child welfare information system is one-time funding and replaces the appropriations and allocations section.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)



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LD 1923

LR 3088(02)

An Act To Improve the Child Welfare System

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (S-548)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$19,514,913	\$13,268,063	\$13,344,052
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$19,514,913	\$13,268,063	\$13,344,052
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$579,738	\$695,686	\$695,686
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$1,149,957	\$1,395,634	\$1,411,302

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$19,514,913 in fiscal year 2018-19 to increase foster home reimbursement rates, provide stipends to positions, procure a pilot program to provide supportive visitation, provide clinical support of child welfare casework practice, develop a new child welfare information system, hire 16 Human Services Caseworker Supervisor positions, hire 2 Regional Associate Director for Child Welfare positions, hire 8 Customer Rep Assoc II - HS positions to act as clerical case aides and hire 16 Human Services Caseworker positions for the child protective services program. The bill also includes Federal Expenditures Fund allocations and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations for the federal match.