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	3	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
	4	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate.
	5	STATE OF MAINE
	6	SENATE
	7	129TH LEGISLATURE
	8	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
	9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "fr " to S.P. 121, L.D. 443, Bill, "An Act To Prevent Vitamin K Deficiency Bleeding and Eye Damage in Infants"
	11 12	Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:
	13 14	'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1531, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 848, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
	15	<u>§1531. Care of infants after birth</u>
	16	1. Prophylactic ophthalmic ointment and reporting requirement. Every
	17	physician, midwife or nurse in charge shall instill or cause to be instilled into the eyes of
	18	an infant within 24 hours after its birth prophylactic ophthalmic ointment prescribed by
	19 20	the department and provided without cost by the department. If one or both eyes of an infant become reddened or inflamed at any time within 4 weeks after birth, the midwife,
	21	nurse or person having charge of the infant shall report the condition of the eyes at once
	22	to a physician licensed under Title 32, chapter 36 or 48.
	23	2. Vitamin K injection. Every physician, midwife or nurse in charge shall
	24	administer 0.5 or 1 milligram, based on the infant's weight, of vitamin K to an infant
	25	intramuscularly within 6 hours after the infant's birth.
	26	3. Rulemaking. The department shall adopt rules to implement this section,
	27	including, but not limited to, creating and making publicly available a brochure about the
	28 29	medical benefits and risks of administering the prophylactic ophthalmic ointment and vitamin K injection, and providing a form on which a parent can refuse the prophylactic
	29 30	ophthalmic ointment or vitamin K injection for the infant of that parent.
	31	Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to amend form. The
	32	Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its newborn blood spot screening
	33	refusal form to include a section permitting a parent to refuse the prophylactic ophthalmic
	34	ointment or vitamin K injection required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22,
	35	section 1531 for the infant of that parent.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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5 Initiative: Provides funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to create 6 and provide brochures about the medical benefits and risks of the prophylactic ointment 7 and vitamin K treatments.

8 9		GENERAL FUND All Other	2019-20 \$7,500	2020-21 \$2,500
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11		GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,500	\$2,500
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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
 section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

16 This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, replaces the bill. 17 Current law requires every physician, midwife or nurse in charge to instill or cause to be 18 instilled into the eyes of an infant within 24 hours after the infant's birth prophylactic eye 19 drops, except for an infant whose parents object to this procedure on the grounds that it 20 conflicts with their religious tenets and practices. This amendment updates the term "eye 21 drops" to "ophthalmic ointment" to reflect current practice, removes the civil penalties for 22 noncompliance and removes the exemption based on religious tenets and practices.

This amendment also requires every physician, midwife or nurse in charge at the birth of an infant to administer vitamin K to an infant intramuscularly to prevent vitamin K deficiency bleeding in infants within 6 hours after the infant's birth.

It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to implement 26 this section, including, but not limited to, creating and making publicly available a 27 brochure about the medical benefits and risks of administering the prophylactic 28 ophthalmic ointment and vitamin K injection and providing a form on which a parent can 29 refuse the prophylactic ophthalmic ointment and vitamin K injection for the infant of that 30 parent. It also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its 31 newborn blood spot screening refusal form to include a section permitting a parent to 32 33 refuse the prophylactic ophthalmic ointment and vitamin K injection for the infant of that 34 parent.

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 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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 (See attached)

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An Act To Prevent Vitamin K Deficiency Bleeding and Eye Damage in Infants

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A''(5-153 Committee: Health and Human Services Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings) General Fund	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Appropriations/Allocations General Fund	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$7,500 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$2,500 in fiscal year 2020-21 to create and provide brochures about the medical benefits and risks of the prophylactic ointment and vitamin K treatments.