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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 220, L.D. 533, "An Act To Expand the Statewide Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §15011, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 481, §1, is amended to read:

**§15011. Statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program**

Beginning ~~September 1, 2020~~ January 1, 2023, the commissioner shall implement a statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program to provide support, guidance and training to improve the abilities and skills of early care and education teachers and providers working in public elementary schools, child care facilities as defined in Title 22, section 8301-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph B, family child care settings and Head Start programs serving infants and children who are 8 years of age or younger who are experiencing challenging behaviors that put the infants or children at risk of learning difficulties and removal from early learning and education settings, and to improve the abilities and skills of families and foster parents with infants or children who are 8 years of age or younger in the home who are experiencing challenging behaviors that put the infants or children at risk of learning difficulties and removal from early learning and education settings. Any record about a child created as a result of a consultation under this section must be made available to the parents or guardians of that child and may not become part of that child's education record. Fifty percent of the costs related to the program implemented under this section must be paid from funds provided to the department under the federal child and development block grant authorized under the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990. The department shall seek and apply for available federal funds or funds from any other source to fund the program implemented under this section.

No later than January 1, 2023 and annually thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters relating to the status of implementing the program under this section, the ability of the program to provide support and guidance to families, educators and providers working with children and the department's progress in seeking and applying for additional funding to support the program.

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

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

3        **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

4        **Early Childhood Consultation Program Z280**

5 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for one Social Services Manager I position and one  
6 Social Services Program Specialist II position and related All Other funding necessary for  
7 the statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program, beginning on January 1,  
8 2023.

9	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
10	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000
11	Personal Services	\$0	\$102,643
12	All Other	\$0	\$9,537
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14	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$112,180</u>

15        **Early Childhood Consultation Program Z280**

16 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to continue the statewide voluntary early childhood  
17 consultation program, beginning on January 1, 2023.

18	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
19	All Other	\$0	\$1,345,560
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21	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,345,560</u>

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23        **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,**  
24        **DEPARTMENT OF**  
25        **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

26		<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
27	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$0	\$1,457,740
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29	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,457,740</u>

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31        Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
32 section number to read consecutively.

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**SUMMARY**

34        This amendment replaces Committee Amendment "A" and amends current law  
35 regarding the statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program by:


36        1. Delaying from September 1, 2020 to January 1, 2023 the date by which the  
37 Commissioner of Health and Human Services is required to implement the program;

38        2. Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to seek and apply for  
39 available federal funds or funds from any other source to fund the program; and

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 220, L.D. 533 (5-596)

1           3. Requiring the department to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the  
2 Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the joint  
3 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters relating  
4 to the status of implementing the program, the ability of the program to provide support  
5 and guidance to families, educators and providers working with children and the  
6 department's progress in seeking and applying for additional funding to support the  
7 program.

8           **SPONSORED BY:**  \_\_\_\_\_

9                           (Senator BREEN, C.)

10                           **COUNTY: Cumberland**

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**

**SENATE AMENDMENT**



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 533

LR 1779(04)

An Act To Expand the Statewide Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-516)

Sponsor: Sen. Breen of Cumberland

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$2,915,479)	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$1,457,739)	\$0	\$0
<b>Transfers</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,457,740	\$0	\$0

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment reduces the General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services from \$2,915,479 to \$1,457,740 in fiscal year 2022-23 and changes the effective date to January 1, 2023. It also includes a transfer of \$1,457,740 in fiscal year 2022-23 from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund within the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to offset the remaining cost to the General Fund.