

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1223, L.D. 1652, "An Act To Build a Child Care System by Recruiting and Retaining Maine's Early Childhood Educators Workforce"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3740-A in subsection 4 in the first line (page 1, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Establishing" and inserting the following: 'Beginning January 1, 2024, establishing'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

Sec. 2. Future funding. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall include as a part of the Department of Health and Human Services budget estimate for fiscal year 2023-24, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1665, ongoing General Fund appropriations in the amount of \$4,500,000 for education-based and experience-based salary supplements for early childhood educators working with young children from birth to 5 years of age described under Title 22, section 3740-A, subsection 4.

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

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF  
Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Provides ongoing allocations for comprehensive scholarships to early childhood educators working with children from birth to 5 years of age.

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

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1	<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,</b>		
2	<b>DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
3	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
4			
5	<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
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7	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
8	<b>LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
9	<b>Employment Services Activity 0852</b>		
10	Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to expand the apprenticeship program for those working		
11	in the field of early childhood child care and education offered by the Maine Roads to		
12	Quality Professional Development Network in partnership with the State's higher education		
13	system and for the staffing and indirect costs to support the program.		
14	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
15	All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
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17	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
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19	<b>LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
20	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
21			
22	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
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24	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
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26	<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
27			
28	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
29	<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
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31	<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
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33 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
34 number to read consecutively.

35 **SUMMARY**

36 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, moves the start date  
37 for salary supplements for providers of child care and early childhood educators working  
38 with children up to 5 years of age to January 1, 2024 and shifts the funding associated with  
39 that initiative to also begin in fiscal year 2023-24. A section is added providing for the  
40 future funding of the salary supplements by directing the Commissioner of Health and  
41 Human Services to provide, as part of the Department of Health and Human Services  
42 budget estimate for fiscal year 2023-24, ongoing appropriations of \$4,500,000 from the

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1 General Fund. It also removes the appropriation of \$100,000 for funds to support the  
2 expansion of early childhood education programs at career and technical centers in the  
3 State.

4 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

5 (See attached)

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# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1652

LR 514(02)

## An Act To Build a Child Care System by Recruiting and Retaining Maine's Early Childhood Educators Workforce

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-542)  
Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - local school administrative units  
Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$200,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2021-22 to the Employment Services Activity program within the Department of Labor to expand the apprenticeship program for those working in the field of early childhood child care and education.

The bill includes ongoing Federal Block Grant Fund allocations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$200,000 beginning in fiscal year 2021-22 for comprehensive scholarships to early childhood educators working with children from birth to 5 years of age.

Additionally, this bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services include in its future budget request pursuant to Title 5, section 1665, on-going General Fund appropriations beginning in fiscal year 2023-2024 of \$4,500,000 for education-based and experience-based salary supplements for early childhood educators working with young children birth to 5 years of age. These estimates are the basis for the creation of the Governor's proposed biennial budget. Whether this request will be successful in making it through the Governor's and the Legislature's budget process cannot be determined at this time. If this funding is provided, it would increase costs in the future.

Expanding the number of career and technical education centers at which early childhood education programs are available and supporting early childhood education courses through funding for training and the purchase of updated textbooks, equipment and other course materials will increase the total cost of public education from kindergarten to grade 12 and the State's share of that cost beginning in fiscal year 2021-22. The impact will depend on the scope of the expansion recommended in the early childhood educators workforce support program developed by the Commissioners of Health and Human Services, Education and Labor. The Department of Education estimates the ongoing cost for each expansion to be \$110,391 assuming 32 students per program and a one-time cost per expansion of \$103,895 for space and equipment needs.