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6 STATE OF MAINE  
7 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
8 130TH LEGISLATURE  
9 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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

13 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the  
14 following:

15 'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15688-A, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

16 10. Career and technical education; early childhood education program  
17 expansion support. Beginning in fiscal year 2022-23, the commissioner may expend and  
18 disburse funds to career and technical education centers and career and technical education  
19 regions for the purpose of expanding or developing early childhood education programs.

20 Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3737-A is enacted to read:

21 §3737-A. Early childhood educator workforce salary supplements

22 The department shall develop and implement a system to provide salary supplements  
23 to child care providers and early childhood educators who provide direct services to  
24 children in a child care facility licensed under section 8301-A, subsection 2 or who are  
25 family child care providers licensed under section 8301-A, subsection 3. Any salary  
26 supplement funding provided by the department under this section to a child care facility  
27 or family child care provider must be paid by that child care facility or family child care  
28 provider in order to increase wages for any child care provider or early childhood educator  
29 who provides direct services to children.

30 Until June 30, 2023, a child care facility or family child care provider shall distribute  
31 salary supplements received under this section in the same amount to any child care  
32 provider or early childhood educator who provides direct services to children employed by  
33 the facility or provider. Beginning July 1, 2023, the department shall establish by rule and  
34 shall implement a tiered system for salary supplements under this section. The rules must  
35 provide, at a minimum, 3 tiers based on the education and experience levels of child care

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1 providers and early childhood educators. The 2nd tier must provide a salary supplement  
2 that is at least 50% greater than the first tier and the 3rd tier must provide a salary  
3 supplement that is at least 50% greater than the 2nd tier. Rules adopted under this section  
4 are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

5 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
6 allocations are made.

7 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

8 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

9 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds in the amount of \$100,000 to support the expansion of  
10 career and technical education early childhood programs.

11	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
12	All Other	\$0	\$100,000
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14	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

16 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**  
17 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

18		<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
19	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
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21	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

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

23 **Child Care Services 0563**

24 Initiative: Establishes one Social Services Manager I position and one Management  
25 Analyst II position funded 100% General Fund within the Child Care Services program.  
26 This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs and salary supplements  
27 awarded to individuals who provide child care or who are early childhood educators.

28	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
29	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000
30	Personal Services	\$0	\$191,663
31	All Other	\$0	\$11,929,806
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33	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$12,121,469</u>

35 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,**  
36 **DEPARTMENT OF**  
37 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

38		<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
39	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,121,469</b>
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41	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$12,121,469</u>

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<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,221,469</b>
<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,221,469</b>

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides \$100,000 for the Commissioner of Education to expend and disburse to career and technical education centers and career and technical education regions for the purpose of expanding or developing early childhood education programs. The amendment also directs the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a system of salary supplements for child care providers and early childhood educators. The amendment provides for funding for 2 positions within the child care services division of the department and funding for the salary supplements, which represents 9 months of salary supplements.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1652

LR 514(05)

## 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 *B. (H. 855)*  
Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business  
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	\$12,221,469	\$12,227,602	\$12,233,932
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$12,221,469	\$12,227,602	\$12,233,932

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$12,221,469 in fiscal year 2022-23 for early childhood educator workforce salary supplements and for the expansion of career and technical early childhood education programs.

Of this amount, a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$12,121,469 in fiscal year 2022-23 is provided for one Social Services Manager I position, one Management Analyst II position and for salary supplements awarded to individuals who provide child care or who are early childhood educators.

Additionally, a General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education is included to support the expansion of career and technical education early childhood programs.