

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2022

Legislative Document

No. 1812

S.P. 639

In Senate, December 17, 2021

An Act To Strengthen the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman Program by Providing for Increased Staffing

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 15, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston and
Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, KEIM of Oxford,
Representative: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

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

4 **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

5 **Ombudsman Program 0103**

6 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to increase the current contract to add 2 associate
7 ombudsman positions and one administrative assistant position for the child welfare
8 services ombudsman program.

9	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
10	All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
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12	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>

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SUMMARY

14 This bill provides ongoing funding for 2 associate ombudsman positions and one
15 administrative assistant position for the child welfare services ombudsman program in the
16 Executive Department.