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H.P. 601

House of Representatives, March 2, 2023

An Act to Improve Indoor Air Quality at Child Care Facilities

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and
Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, MEYER of Eliot, ZAGER of Portland, Senators:
BALDACCI of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8309** is enacted to read:

3 **§8309. Child care facility indoor air quality**

4 **1. Child care facility indoor air quality.** The department shall provide on a publicly
5 accessible website resources and information on strategies to improve indoor air quality at
6 child care facilities. The department shall provide grants from the fund to child care
7 facilities to improve indoor air quality at the facilities.

8 **2. Child Care Facility Indoor Air Quality Grant Fund.** The Child Care Facility
9 Indoor Air Quality Grant Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established in
10 and administered by the department. The fund's purpose is to provide grants to child care
11 facilities to improve indoor air quality at the facilities. The fund is interest-bearing and may
12 receive funds from appropriations, allocations, donations, grants and other public or private
13 sources. Funds in the fund at the end of the fiscal year do not lapse but carry over to the
14 next fiscal year.

15 **3. Rules.** The department may adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section.
16 Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375,
17 subchapter 2-A.

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

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

21 **Child Care Facility Indoor Air Quality Grant Fund N426**

22 Initiative: Provides funds to improve indoor air quality at child care facilities.

23 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
24 All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
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26 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$250,000	\$250,000

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide on a
29 publicly accessible website resources and information to improve indoor air quality at child
30 care facilities and appropriates \$250,000 a year for the next 2 years to provide grants to
31 child care facilities to improve indoor air quality at the facilities.