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Date: 3/25/24 Majority

L.D. 2002  
(Filing No. H-856)

**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1280, L.D. 2002, "An Act to Provide Incentives to Schools That Contract for Certain Social Work and Family Therapy Services"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Provide Grants to Schools That Contract for Behavioral and Mental Health Services'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 223, sub-c. 10, headnote is amended to read:**

**SUBCHAPTER 10**

**YOUTH BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING**

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6672 is enacted to read:**

**§6672. Behavioral and mental health grant program**

**1. Grant program.** The department shall establish and administer a grant program to provide grants to school administrative units that contract for behavioral and mental health services provided by licensed behavioral and mental health service providers.

**2. Limitation on use of funds.** Funds provided under the grant program under this section may be used only for behavioral and mental health services that are not otherwise covered or reimbursable through the MaineCare program. Funds must be used in a manner that ensures that contracted behavioral and mental health service providers do not supplant qualified and available school administrative unit behavioral and mental health staff.

**3. Grant program funding based on population.** In administering the grant program under this section, the department shall provide grant funds according to the population of a school administrative unit as follows:

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- 1        A. Two hundred fifty or fewer students, \$3,000;
- 2        B. Two hundred fifty-one students to 500 students, \$6,000; and
- 3        C. More than 500 students, \$9,000.

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

6        **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

7        **School and Student Supports Z270**

8        Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for grants to school administrative units for contracted  
9 behavioral and mental health services for students. The grants are based on the population  
10 of each school administrative unit.

11 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
12        All Other	\$0	\$1,353,000
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14        GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,353,000

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

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**SUMMARY**

19        This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, establishes a grant  
20 program within the Department of Education to provide grants to school administrative  
21 units that contract for behavioral and mental health services provided by licensed  
22 behavioral and mental health service providers. The amendment limits the use of funds  
23 provided through the grant program to behavioral and mental health services that are not  
24 otherwise covered or reimbursable through the MaineCare program and provides that funds  
25 must be used in a manner that does not supplant qualified and available school  
26 administrative unit behavioral and mental health staff.

27        The amendment provides that the amounts of the grants must be based on a school  
28 administrative unit's population and provides ongoing funding for the grants starting in the  
29 2nd year of the biennium.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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(See attached)

# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2002

LR 2565(02)

## An Act to Provide Incentives to Schools That Contract for Certain Social Work and Family Therapy Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-856)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,353,000	\$1,353,000	\$1,353,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,353,000	\$1,353,000	\$1,353,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$1,353,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2024-25 to the School and Student Supports program within the Department of Education for grants to school administrative units for contracted behavioral and mental health services for students. The grants are based on the population of each school administrative unit.