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3	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
4	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.
5	STATE OF MAINE
6	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7	131ST LEGISLATURE
8	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
9 10 11	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1337, L.D. 2078, "An Act to Increase Participation by the Department of Health and Human Services Regarding Federal Benefits for Which Children in the Custody of the Department Are Eligible"
12	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:
13 14 15	'An Act to Increase Participation by the Department of Health and Human Services Regarding Federal Benefits for Which Children in the Custody of the Department May Be Eligible'
16 17	Amend the bill in the emergency preamble in the 2nd paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "are" and inserting the following: 'may be'
18 19	Amend the bill in section 1 in §4069 in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph A (page 1, lines 18 and 19 in L.D.) and inserting the following:
20 21 22	'A. "Federal benefit" means a benefit administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or by the United States Social Security Administration under Title II of the United States Social Security Act.'
23 24	Amend the bill in section 1 in §4069 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 22 to 26 in L.D.) and inserting the following:
25 26 27 28 29 30	'2. Determination of potential eligibility. The department shall review whether a child in the custody of the department may be eligible for a federal benefit. If the department determines the child may be eligible for a federal benefit, the department shall apply for the federal benefit on behalf of the child. The department shall notify the child the child's attorney or guardian ad litem and the child's parents or legal guardians of the application for the federal benefit.'
31	Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:
32 33	'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.
34	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1337, L.D. 2078

1	IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137				
2 3	Initiative: Provides funding required to offset expenditures previously paid with a child's federal benefits.				
4	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25		
5	All Other	\$0	\$306,818		
6 7	CENTED AT EXPLICATION AND MODILE		-		
	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$306,818		
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9	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25		
10 11	All Other	\$0	\$388,377		
12	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	Φ0	000000		
13	TEDDICAL EXICADITORES FOID TOTAL	\$0	\$388,377		
14 15	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25		
16	All Other	\$0	\$81,559		
17	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$81,559		
18	IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137	, -	+,		
19	Initiative: Provides one-time funding for required technolog	y changes.			
20	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25		
21	All Other	\$0	\$150,000		
22 23	GENERAL FUND TOTAL				
24		\$0	\$150,000		
	Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307				
25 26	Initiative: Provides funding for 2 Management Analyst requirements of this legislation.	: II positions t	o handle the		
27	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25		
28	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000		
29 30	Personal Services All Other	\$0	\$156,359		
31	All Other	\$0	\$10,329		
32	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$166,688		
33		**	4200,000		
34	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25		
35	Personal Services	\$0	\$41,564		
36	All Other	\$0	\$4,705		
37 38	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		A 4 6 8 60		
		\$0	\$46,269		
39	Purchased Social Services 0228				
40 41	Initiative: Provides funding to contract for a fiscal agent and a needs trust and for financial literacy training, beginning Janu	ttorney to manag ary 1, 2025.	ge the special-		

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " to H.P. 1337, L.D. 2078

1 2	GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24 \$0	2024-25 \$625,094		
3 4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$625,094		
5 6 7 8	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25		
9 10 11 12 13	GENERAL FUND FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0 \$0 \$0	\$1,248,600 \$388,377 \$127,828		
14 15	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$1,764,805		
16 17	Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonc number to read consecutively.	onsecutive Part le	etter or section		
18	SUMMARY				
19	This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.				
20 21 22 23	1. It specifies that federal benefits administered by the United States Social Security Administration are those under Title II of the United States Social Security Act and does not include supplemental security income benefits under Title XVI of the United States Social Security Act.				
24 25 26 27 28	2. It clarifies that the Department of Health and Human Services does not determine whether a child in the custody of the department is eligible for a federal benefit, as this determination is made by the Federal Government. Instead, the amendment requires that the department review whether a child may be eligible and, for a child that may be eligible, apply for the federal benefit on the child's behalf.				
29	The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.				
30	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRE	D			

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2078

LR 2870(02)

An Act to Increase Participation by the Department of Health and Human Services Regarding Federal Benefits for Which Children in the Custody of the Department Are Eligible

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-893).

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,248,600	\$2,035,681	\$2,041,155
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,248,600	\$2,035,681	\$2,041,155
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$388,377	\$776,755	\$776,755
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$127,828	\$210,822	\$212,341
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$388,377	\$776,755	\$776,755

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$1,248,600 in fiscal year 2024-25 for 2 Management Analyst II positions, to contract for a fiscal agent and attorney to manage the trust, for financial literacy training, for funding to offset expenditures previously paid with a child's federal benefits and for a one-time appropriation for required technology changes. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations are also included for the FMAP match.