

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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

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"

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

**'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'**

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'

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:

'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.'

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:

'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.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1	<b>IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137</b>		
2	Initiative: Provides funding required to offset expenditures previously paid with a child's		
3	federal benefits.		
4	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
5	All Other	\$0	\$306,818
6			
7	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$306,818</u>
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9	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
10	All Other	\$0	\$388,377
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12	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$388,377</u>
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14	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
15	All Other	\$0	\$81,559
16			
17	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$81,559</u>
18	<b>IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137</b>		
19	Initiative: Provides one-time funding for required technology changes.		
20	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
21	All Other	\$0	\$150,000
22			
23	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
24	<b>Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307</b>		
25	Initiative: Provides funding for 2 Management Analyst II positions to handle the		
26	requirements of this legislation.		
27	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
28	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000
29	Personal Services	\$0	\$156,359
30	All Other	\$0	\$10,329
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32	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$166,688</u>
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34	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
35	Personal Services	\$0	\$41,564
36	All Other	\$0	\$4,705
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38	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$46,269</u>
39	<b>Purchased Social Services 0228</b>		
40	Initiative: Provides funding to contract for a fiscal agent and attorney to manage the special-		
41	needs trust and for financial literacy training, beginning January 1, 2025.		





# 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
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,248,600	\$2,035,681	\$2,041,155
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
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
<b>Revenue</b>				
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.