

126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, To Improve Degree and Career Attainment for Former Foster Children

Fiscal Note for House Amendment '' '' to Original Bill Sponsor: Sen. Hill of York Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings) General Fund	\$0	(\$149,827)	(\$102,898)	(\$105,857)
Appropriations/Allocations General Fund	\$0	(\$149,827)	(\$102,898)	(\$105,857)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This fiscal note reflects the incremental impact of the amendment. The amendment adds an initial appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 with an ongoing cost of \$200,000 for the State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program in the Department of Health and Human Services for a transitional grant program for individuals exiting the State's foster care system at age 21 years old and actively pursuing post-secondary education. This assumes an annual grant cost of \$5,000 per child and initially 20 grants awarded in the first year with an effective start date on January 1, 2015. The amendment also adds a one-time deappropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 in the State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program resulting from program savings. The amendment further assumes the department will be able to secure a post-secondary education navigator at little or no cost to the department.