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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 240, L.D. 561, “An Act to Ensure Subsidy Reimbursements for Certain Child Care Providers”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3737, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Reimbursement for subsidies. The department shall reimburse a provider of child care services provided under this chapter for subsidy payments under the Maine Child Care Affordability Program in section 3731-A administered by the department pursuant to rules adopted by the department. Reimbursement under the program to a child care provider must be based on enrollment rather than attendance and may not be reduced or eliminated based on a child's attendance. The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Child Care Services 0563**

Initiative: Provides funding to reimburse child care providers for subsidy payments based on enrollment rather than attendance under the Maine Child Care Affordability Program for children whose subsidy payments are not covered by federal grant funding.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment removes all the provisions of the bill regarding reimbursement based on generally accepted payment practices. The amendment retains the provisions of the bill that relate to payments based on enrollment rather than attendance. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)