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In Senate, March 23, 2023

An Act to Establish an Appeal Process for Child Care Providers

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, INGWERSEN of York, Representative:
GUERRETTE of Caribou.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8301-A, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

3 **10. Appeal of licensing decision.** The department shall establish an appeal process
4 for a child care facility or family child care provider subject to a licensing decision under
5 this chapter. The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted
6 pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
7 subchapter 2-A.

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

10 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

11 **Child Care Services 0563**

12 Initiative: Provides funding to establish an independent appeal process for child care
13 providers regarding Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family
14 Services licensing decisions.

15 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
16 All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
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18 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish an appeal
21 process for a child care facility or family child care provider subject to a licensing decision
22 of the department.