

EFY 2022 Supplemental Budget (LD 1995) - HHS Committee Programs - Language Parts

Line #	Program Area	Part	Summary	Part Notes	HHS Vote	AFA Vote
249	Children's Services	BB	<p>This Part makes the following changes to the laws governing the child welfare services ombudsman program.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.It provides that the director of the ombudsman program must serve full time and expands the director's required experience to include child welfare. 2.It provides that the staffing for the ombudsman program is at the discretion of the nonprofit organization under contract to provide ombudsman service. 3.It provides that the contract to provide ombudsman services is for a period of 5 years, except that the contract may be terminated consistent with the terms of the contract. 4.It provides that the contract to provide ombudsman services must include funds for the nonprofit organization to provide health insurance benefits for employees of the ombudsman program. 5.It provides that the ombudsman program must provide information about its services through a publicly accessible website and makes a technical correction regarding plural language. 6.It clarifies that the ombudsman program may provide opinions and recommendations on current or proposed state programs, rules, policies, and laws. 7.It clarifies that the ombudsman program may provide input on the State's child welfare system to the Department of Health and Human Services and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. 8.It clarifies that the ombudsman program provides services to persons and families involved with the State's child welfare system. 9.It requires that the Department of Health and Human Services to notify the ombudsman program of any statewide policy changes affecting the State's child welfare system before the changes take effect. 10.It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to notify the ombudsman program of certain child fatalities. 	<p>Line 42</p> <p>ALSO - This is the same language in LD 1960 - original bill</p>		
250	DHHS Mgmt - Policy	DD	This Part adds the Department of Health and Human Services Senior Legal Advisor position to the list of positions appointed by the Commissioner and adds the Senior Legal Advisor to the list of positions whose salaries are subject to adjustment by the Governor.	Lines 66-67		
251	DHHS Mgmt - Policy	EE	This Part repeals the language associated with the consolidation of MaineCare related programs and accounts approved in Public Law 2021, chapter 398. Due to technical adjustments that would need to be made and the volume of MaineCare related systems work already in process, this initiative cannot be completed within the required timeframe.	Lines 121-144		
252	DHHS Mgmt - Policy	FF	This Part requires the transfer of \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund.	Lines 92		
253	Developmental Services	GG	This Part authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer savings incurred from the increase in FMAP per the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, section 9817, from various General Fund MaineCare program accounts to Other Special Revenue Funds accounts in the Medical Care - Payments to Providers and the Office of MaineCare Services programs to be used for federally authorized purposes.	Line 51-52		
254	Public Assistance	HH	This Part allows the Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Family Independence to carry forward any unexpended balance of the \$1,335,770 appropriated in Public Law 2021, chapter 1 to meet reinvestment obligations for penalties incurred in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in 2019.			