



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 487

LR 1566(02)

Resolve, To Establish MaineCare Eligibility for Young Adults Who Were Formerly in Foster Care

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Potential Budget Conflict

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Expanding MaineCare coverage to include young adults age 19 to 25 years of age who were in child welfare custody and eligible for MaineCare when they turned 19 is required under the federal Affordable Care Act effective January 1, 2014. This coverage is estimated to cost \$310,317 in fiscal year 2013-14 with a State share of \$119,317 and \$2,604,198 in fiscal year 2014-15 with a State share of \$1,001,314 . These estimates assume that 751 young adults will utilize services by fiscal year 2014-15 at an average annual cost of \$3,468 per person. The Department of Health and Human Services has included funding for this population in the Governor's Proposed 2014-2015 Biennial Budget (LR 1046).