



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Allow the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board Access to Investigations of Suspicious Deaths and Mortality Reviews Performed by the Department of Health and Human Services

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

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill grants the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board direct access to the personal planning and other records of a person receiving adult developmental services and grants the board direct access to the records of an investigation into the suspicious death of or the records of a mortality review pertaining to a person with intellectual disabilities or autism. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to notify the board of any report made to a medical examiner regarding a mandated reporter's knowledge or reasonable suspicion that an adult receiving adult developmental services has died as a result of abuse or neglect. It is expected that two DHHS systems, the Enterprise Information System (EIS) and the Maine Adult Protective Services Information System (MAPSIS), will require functionality updates to allow direct access for board members. The cost for these updates is estimated to be \$39,978. The bill requires that its provisions be carried out within existing budgeted resources. Because no funding was provided in the bill, the impact on other programs and services cannot be determined.