



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 3088(08)

An Act To Improve the Child Welfare System

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-548)

H "A" (H-811) to C "A" (S-548)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$19,564,913	\$13,268,063	\$13,344,052
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$19,564,913	\$13,268,063	\$13,344,052
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$629,738	\$695,686	\$695,686
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$1,149,957	\$1,395,634	\$1,411,302
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$19,514,913 in fiscal year 2018-19 to increase foster home reimbursement rates, provide stipends to positions, procure a pilot program to provide supportive visitation, provide clinical support of child welfare casework practice, develop a new child welfare information system, hire 16 Human Services Caseworker Supervisor positions, hire 2 Regional Associate Director for Child Welfare positions, hire 8 Customer Rep Assoc II - HS positions to act as clerical case aides and hire 16 Human Services Caseworker positions for the child protective services program. The bill also includes Federal Expenditures Fund allocations and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations for the federal match.

The bill also includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to contract with a third party to conduct a rate study to develop certain rates under rule Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 65 to be completed no later than April 1st, 2019. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match.