

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 52****LR 109(01)****An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Apply for Federal Benefits on Behalf of Children in the Department's Custody Who May Be Eligible for Those Benefits****Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill****Sponsor: Rep. Roeder of Bangor****Committee: Health and Human Services****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,184,990	\$2,076,886	\$2,082,064	\$2,086,765
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,184,990	\$2,076,886	\$2,082,064	\$2,086,765
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$465,262	\$930,524	\$930,524	\$930,524
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$167,523	\$337,876	\$339,998	\$341,924
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$465,262	\$930,524	\$930,524	\$930,524
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$167,524	\$337,877	\$339,999	\$341,925

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Health and Human Services will require General Fund appropriations of \$1,184,990 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$2,076,886 in fiscal year 2026-27 for funding to offset expenditures previously paid with a child's federal benefits, to contract for a fiscal agent and attorney to manage the federal benefits received, for financial literacy training, to establish 2 Management Analyst II positions and for a one-time appropriation for required technology changes. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations will also be required for the FMAP match. These required expenditures assume a January 1, 2026 start date.