

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1544****LR 671(02)****An Act to Support Families by Improving the Court Process for Child Protection Cases****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Judiciary****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$1,220,167	\$1,220,167	\$1,220,167	\$1,220,167
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$1,220,167	\$1,220,167	\$1,220,167	\$1,220,167
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$1,220,167	\$1,220,167	\$1,220,167	\$1,220,167
<b>Revenue</b>				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$1,220,167	\$1,220,167	\$1,220,167	\$1,220,167

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill includes ongoing annual General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$1,220,167 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 for costs associated with an expected increased in the length of time in care for children in state custody due to changes to requirements regarding termination of parental rights and reasonable efforts at reunification. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included in this bill for matching funds.