

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1859****LR 2207(01)****An Act to Improve Access to Child Care and Early Childhood Education by Establishing Regional Resource Hubs****Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill****Sponsor: Sen. Ingwersen of York****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	\$187,500	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$187,500	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$283,587	\$871,048	\$875,516	\$880,157

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$187,500 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 for grants to develop and implement of 4 early childhood learning and development and resource hubs and for one Social Service Program Specialist II position. Federal Block Grant Fund allocations are also included in the bill.

A more current estimate would increase the fiscal year 2025-26 General Fund appropriation by \$430,326 to \$617,826 and the fiscal year 2026-27 General Fund appropriation by \$1,004,292 to \$1,754,292 because Child Care Development Fund Block Grant funds are not available for this purpose due to significant investments in other programs.

Additional costs to the Department of Education associated with collaborating with the Department of Health and Human Services to address recommendations on improving the coordination and service delivery for children in the State and their families can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.