

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1859****LR 2207(02)****An Act to Improve Access to Child Care and Early Childhood Education by Establishing Regional Resource Hubs****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Health and Human Services****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$125,041	\$1,004,292	\$1,013,524	\$1,018,118
Appropriations/Allocations				
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Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes ongoing annual General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$750,000 beginning in fiscal year 2026-27 for contracts to operate 2 regional early childhood learning and development and resource hubs. The bill also includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to the department of \$125,041 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$254,292 in fiscal year 2026-27 for one Social Services Program Manager position and one Social Services Specialist II position beginning January 1, 2026 to support the development and administration of the resource hubs.

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.