

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1955****LR 2206(02)****An Act to Increase Child Care Affordability and Early Childhood Educator Stability****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Health and Human Services****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	\$5,300,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$5,300,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$3,800,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and ongoing annual General Fund Appropriations of \$1,000,000 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 for the Maine Child Care Affordability Program. The bill also includes ongoing annual General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$500,000 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 for the Salary Sustainability Program for Child Care Professionals.

Any additional costs to the State Board of Education from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.