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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 129, L.D. 208, “An Act Concerning Home Care Services”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Require MaineCare Assessments for Children'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3173-L is enacted to read:

§3173-L. Assessments for children eligible for home care services

Beginning January 15, 2024, the department shall contract with a 3rd-party entity, including but not limited to an assessment services agency that determines eligibility for programs and services, to conduct assessments for children who have not attained 21 years of age who the department determines are eligible for private duty nursing and personal care services provided in a residential setting or other setting where normal life activities take place.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Provides funding to contract with a 3rd-party entity to conduct assessments for children who have not attained 21 years of age who the department determines are eligible for private duty nursing and personal care services provided in a residential setting or other setting where normal life activities take place.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,114	\$30,228
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,114	\$30,228

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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,479	\$30,957
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$15,479</u>	<u>\$30,957</u>

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment removes from the bill the provisions that require the establishment of waiting lists for home care services and publication on the Department of Health and Human Services website. It retains the section that requires the contracting of a 3rd-party entity to conduct assessments for children who the department determines are eligible for private duty nursing and personal care services but relocates the section to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 855, which governs Medicaid.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)