

## STATE OF MAINE

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 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

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 S.P. 475 - L.D. 1526

## An Act To Increase the Availability of Foster Homes

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8103, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 411, §1, is amended to read:

**1-A. Inspection required.** Except as provided in subsection ~~2~~ 2-A, the department may not issue a license to operate to a children's home until the department has received from the Commissioner of Public Safety a written statement signed by one of the officials designated under Title 25, section 2360, 2391 or 2392 to make fire safety inspections. This statement must indicate that the children's home has complied with applicable fire safety provisions referred to in Title 25, section 2452.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §8103, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 411, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §8103, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Family foster homes.** Family foster homes are exempt from the inspection requirement in subsection 1-A. The department shall inspect a family foster home prior to placing a foster child in the home. The department shall adopt routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A governing the fire and safety inspection of family foster homes.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF****IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137**

Initiative: Reduces appropriations and allocations due to the elimination of the costs paid for fire marshal inspections.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
All Other	(\$129,034)	(\$129,034)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$129,034)</u>	<u>(\$129,034)</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
All Other	(\$52,704)	(\$52,704)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$52,704)</u>	<u>(\$52,704)</u>

**Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307**

Initiative: Provides one-time appropriations and allocations for technology upgrades.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
All Other	\$2,974	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,974</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
All Other	\$1,156	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,156</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

Initiative: Provides one-time appropriations and allocations for technology upgrades.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
All Other	\$2,891	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,891</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
All Other	\$1,239	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,239</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

Initiative: Reduces allocations due to a reduction of physical plant updates to meet current compliance.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
All Other	(\$122,432)	(\$122,432)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$122,432)</u>	<u>(\$122,432)</u>

<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	(\$123,169)	(\$129,034)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	(\$122,432)	(\$122,432)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	(\$50,309)	(\$52,704)
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>(\$295,910)</u>	<u>(\$304,170)</u>