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To: Joint Standing Committee on Health & Human Services
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LD 533 An Act To Expand the Statewide Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program (Public hearing 4/2/21)

SUMMARY:

This bill, which is a concept draft, proposes to provide additional funding for the statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 15011.

INFORMATION AND UPDATE:

- PL 2019, c. 481 enacted An Act To Promote Social and Emotional Learning and Development for Young Children establishing a statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program (ECCP). It required DHHS to develop, establish and implement ECCP. It required 5 locations as pilots and then statewide implementation.
- HHS received a [report 10/8/2020](#) regarding the five sites pursuant to PL 2019, c. 481, section 5. (Pilots started later than intended because of the pandemic.)
- OCFS testimony at PH – federal funding to expand to three additional sites and evaluate pilots.
- Request from sponsor and OCFS for carry over.
- [Children's Behavioral Health Services Annual Report](#) submitted January 4 (see pages 10-11).
- Requesting update on pilots from DHHS.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not yet received.