



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1683

LR 2389(05)

An Act To Improve Degree and Career Attainment for Former Foster Children

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

S "A" (S-539)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill adds an initial appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 with an ongoing annual cost of \$200,000 for the State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program in the Department of Health and Human Services for a transitional grant program for individuals exiting the State's foster care system at 21 years of age and actively pursuing post-secondary education. This assumes an annual grant cost of \$5,000 per child and initially 20 grants awarded in the first year with an effective start date on January 1, 2015. The bill also adds a one-time deappropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 in the State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program resulting from program savings. This bill assumes the department will be able to secure a post-secondary education navigator at little or no cost to the department.