



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Establish Wage and Employment Parity between Adult and Child Protective Services Caseworkers in the Department of Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,238,310	\$1,201,845	\$1,215,157	\$1,229,027
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,238,310	\$1,201,845	\$1,215,157	\$1,229,027

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$1,238,310 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$1,201,845 in fiscal year 2020-21 to provide at least one week of training to new employees engaged in adult protective services (APS), to ensure that the ratio of supervisory positions to caseworker positions in APS and child protective services (CPS) is identical and to provide funding for the recruitment and retention of certain employees in APS positions with a \$5 per wage-hour stipend payment and a \$1 per wage-hour stipend payment for employees holding or obtaining a relevant master's degree.

The bill as originally drafted included 2 additional supervisor positions in APS to achieve the same ratio as CPS. However, the current ratio of supervisors to caseworkers in CPS is 4 to 1 and the current ratio for APS is 6 to 1. This requires an additional 4 supervisors in APS to reach the 4 to 1 ratio.