



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Expand and Enhance Maine's Behavioral Health Direct Care Workforce

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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### Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Changing the educational requirements to qualify to be a behavioral health professional (BHP) providing children's home and community-based treatment will lead to an increase in the number of BHPs and an increase in the amount of professional training required by BHPs. Currently, the training for BHPs is provided through a 3rd-party contract funded by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). This bill allows the DHHS to amend or establish contracts to stay within existing resources while training a greater number of individuals. The DHHS may make any changes necessary, including choosing to charge fees from individuals or their employers, in order to offer the training within existing resources. As this bill provides no new funding, the impact of these new costs on other programs in the DHHS cannot be determined at this time.