



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Expand Child Care Options for Children Placed with Older Kinship Guardians

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Nadeau of Winslow

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to reimburse 100% of the child care expenses incurred by an adult relative guardian of a minor if the guardian is 60 years of age or older and has an annual income of \$50,000 or less. The bill also prohibits the department from requiring the guardian to be employed a minimum number of hours per week in order to receive the reimbursement. This will increase reimbursement costs, but the DHHS does not currently have data on the number of adult relative guardians who are 60 years of age or older and who have an annual income of \$50,000 or less. Also, it will need to be determined for each individual what amount will be used to represent 100% of child care expenses incurred. Given these uncertainties, no fiscal estimate is made at this time, but will need to be developed if the bill moves forward.