



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 659

LR 151(02)

An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$770,908	\$3,083,630	\$3,083,630
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$770,908	\$3,083,630	\$3,083,630

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes an annual General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$770,908 beginning in fiscal year 2024-25 for a new MaineCare lifespan waiver, which will offer the services currently offered under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Sections 21 and 29 and also incorporate innovations such as self-directed services, employment options and transition services, beginning April 1, 2025.

There is funding in the currently proposed biennial budget for this new waiver program. If that initiative is part of the final budget passed by the legislature, this appropriation can be removed and the language can move forward.