

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 279****LR 683(01)****An Act to Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine****Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill****Sponsor: Sen. Baldacci of Penobscot****Committee: Health and Human Services****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$586,306	\$578,229	\$546,737
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$631,306	\$589,479	\$591,737
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$934,799	\$799,333	\$799,333
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$139,425	\$143,962	\$148,404
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$0	\$44,624	\$44,624	\$44,624
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$45,000	\$11,250	\$45,000
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$934,799	\$799,333	\$799,333
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$11,700	\$2,925	\$1,463
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$0	\$44,624	\$44,624	\$44,624

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Health and Human Services will require ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$631,306 in fiscal year 2026-27 to implement MaineCare reimbursement for a parent providing in-home personal care services to the parent's child. This amount includes ongoing costs of MaineCare payments to providers, ongoing costs of one Comprehensive Health Planner II position and one Office Associate II position and one-time costs for necessary system updates and testing. Federal Expenditures Fund and Federal Block Grant Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations will also be required for the position costs.

The provisions of the bill are also estimated to increase General Fund Revenue by \$45,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 and Other Special Revenue \$11,700 from licensing fees and background checks.