



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 566(02)

An Act to Improve Family Team Meetings in Child Welfare Cases to Ensure Better Outcomes for Children by Providing Adequate Funding

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	\$171,190	\$171,190	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$171,190	\$171,190	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$171,190 in fiscal year 2024-25 to contract with an independent entity to develop a system for the evaluation of the family team meeting model in the department's Child and Family Services Policy. The contracted entity must submit a report, no later than January 2, 2026, to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Child Welfare Advisory Panel. The total funding required for the contract is \$342,380, but the funding is split over the two years of the contracted work.