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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

**Sec. 4. Report.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall report in writing to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 31, 2019 on the progress of the department in implementing the provisions of this Act and the progress on and results from any external audit of the department's child protective services system.

**Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137**

Initiative: Provides funding for increased foster home reimbursement rates to increase recruitment and retention of foster families in this State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$0	\$386,493
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	\$0	\$386,493

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$0	\$579,738
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	\$0	\$579,738

**Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

Initiative: Provides increased funding for the creation of 16 Human Services Casework Supervisor positions within the Office of Child and Family Services, child protective services to increase coaching and oversight of child protective staff.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	16.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$768,701
All Other	\$0	\$68,727
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	\$0	\$837,428

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$168,740
All Other	\$0	\$21,182
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$189,922</b>

**Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

Initiative: Provides funding for the creation of 2 Regional Associate Director for Child Welfare positions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$161,112
All Other	\$0	\$8,580
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$169,692</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$35,366
All Other	\$0	\$1,883
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$37,249</b>

**Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

Initiative: Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7065, provides funding for the recruitment and retention of employees in Child Protective Services Caseworker positions, Child Protective Services Caseworker Supervisor positions, Child Protective Services Assistant Program Administrator positions and Child Protective Services Program Administrator positions via a \$5 per wage-hour stipend payment.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$3,040,731
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,040,731</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$651,269
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$651,269</b>

**Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

Initiative: Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7065, provides funding for the recruitment and retention of employees in Child Protective Services Caseworker positions, Child Protective Services Caseworker Supervisor positions, Child Protective Services Assistant Program Administrator positions and Child Protective Services Program Administrator positions via a \$1 per wage-hour stipend payment for employees holding or obtaining a relevant master's degree.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$93,808
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$93,808</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$20,592
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,592</b>

**Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

Initiative: Provides funding for 8 Customer Rep Assoc II - HS positions to act as clerical case aides within the Office of Child and Family Services, child protective services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$347,634
All Other	\$0	\$34,992
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$382,626</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$68,694
All Other	\$0	\$6,915
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$75,609</b>

**Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

Initiative: Provides funding for 16 Human Services Caseworker positions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	16.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$817,222
All Other	\$0	\$69,984
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$887,206</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$161,487
All Other	\$0	\$13,829
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$175,316</b>

**State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

Initiative: Provides funding for increased foster home reimbursement rates to increase recruitment and retention of foster families in this State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$0	\$2,586,929
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,586,929</b>

**State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

Initiative: Provides increased funding for procurement of a pilot program for child welfare services to support children in the State’s custody through supportive visitation, which will allow for the supervision of court-ordered visitation with relatives of the children and will provide assessment and evaluation of parental capacity as it relates to the parent’s ability to safely care for the child.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$0	\$2,250,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,250,000</b>

**State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

Initiative: Provides increased funding for procurement of child welfare services to support children in the State’s custody through clinical support and guidance of child welfare casework practice. This funding will allow each district office to procure a clinician to aid the district in clinical consultation within child

welfare cases, in training to increase staff knowledge of mental health and behavioral needs of children in the State’s custody and in consultation within child welfare cases on parental capacity. In addition, this increase in funding will allow for procurement of clinical services to support each district office to evaluate staff functioning and provide debriefing for critical incidents.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$0	\$880,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$880,000</b>

**State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the development of a new comprehensive child welfare information system.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$0	\$8,000,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$8,000,000</b>

<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$19,514,913
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$579,738
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$1,149,957
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$21,244,608</b>

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, provides funding for the creation of 16 Human Services Caseworker positions and 8 Customer Representative Associate II positions within the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services. It requires the department to report on the progress of the department in implementing the provisions of the legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services

matters by January 31, 2019. It also clarifies that the funding for the new child welfare information system is one-time funding and replaces the appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**