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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 758, L.D. 1923, Bill, “An Act To Improve the Child Welfare System”

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.

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

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

Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

4	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
5	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	16.000
6	Personal Services	\$0	\$768,701
7	All Other	\$0	\$68,727
8			
9	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$837,428</u>

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

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

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

18	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
19	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000
20	Personal Services	\$0	\$161,112
21	All Other	\$0	\$8,580
22			
23	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$169,692</u>

24	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
25	Personal Services	\$0	\$35,366
26	All Other	\$0	\$1,883
27			
28	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$37,249</u>

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

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

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

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

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

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

16	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
17	Personal Services	\$0	\$93,808
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19	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$93,808</u>

20	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
21	Personal Services	\$0	\$20,592
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23	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$20,592</u>

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

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

27	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
28	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	8.000
29	Personal Services	\$0	\$347,634
30	All Other	\$0	\$34,992
31			
32	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$382,626</u>

1	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
2	Personal Services	\$0	\$68,694
3	All Other	\$0	\$6,915
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5	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$75,609</u>

6 **Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**
 7 Initiative: Provides funding for 16 Human Services Caseworker positions.

8	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
9	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	16.000
10	Personal Services	\$0	\$817,222
11	All Other	\$0	\$69,984
12			
13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$887,206</u>

14	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
15	Personal Services	\$0	\$161,487
16	All Other	\$0	\$13,829
17			
18	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$175,316</u>

19 **State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**
 20 Initiative: Provides funding for increased foster home reimbursement rates to increase
 21 recruitment and retention of foster families in this State.

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

26 **State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**
 27 Initiative: Provides increased funding for procurement of a pilot program for child
 28 welfare services to support children in the State’s custody through supportive visitation,
 29 which will allow for the supervision of court-ordered visitation with relatives of the
 30 children and will provide assessment and evaluation of parental capacity as it relates to
 31 the parent’s ability to safely care for the child.

32	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
33	All Other	\$0	\$2,250,000
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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)