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**STATE OF MAINE
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131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 453, L.D. 684, “An Act to Implement Pilot Programs with Publicly Funded Day Care and Early Childhood Education”

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Study of Educare model; report. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall identify the critical components of the Educare model for publicly funded statewide early childhood education programs and identify the necessary public and private resources as well as implementation strategies for those critical components. The Department of Education shall, no later than January 29, 2025, submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Office of Innovation Z333**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to contract for the services needed to conduct a study of the Educare model.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$7,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$7,500

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment changes the reporting date and moves the appropriation to fiscal year 2024-25.

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(Senator ROTUNDO, M.)

COUNTY: Androscoggin