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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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126TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1152, L.D. 1581, Bill, “An Act To Increase Access to Quality Child Care”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Improve Business Certainty for Providers of Quality Child Care'**

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 by striking out all of paragraphs C, D and E (page 1, lines 21 to 23 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

- 'C. A quality differential rate of at least 2% for step 2 child care services;
- D. A quality differential rate of at least 5% for step 3 child care services; and
- E. A quality differential rate of at least 10% for step 4 child care services.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

**'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)  
Child Care Services 0563**

Initiative: Allocates funds for changes in quality differential rates for child care services.

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
All Other	\$0	\$73,590
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$0	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$73,590

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The bill provides exact mandatory amounts for the quality child care differentials at steps 2, 3 and 4 of the 4-step

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 child care quality rating system required by the bill. This amendment instead requires the  
2 Department of Health and Human Services to pay quality child care differential rates of at  
3 least 2% for step 2 child care services, at least 5% for step 3 child care services and at  
4 least 10% for step 4 child care services. These minimum rates are lower than those  
5 proposed in the bill. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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**(See attached)**