

## **LD 753, Resolve To Invest in Children and Families through Family Resource Centers**

**Bill sponsor: Rep. Sean Faircloth**  
**Referred to: Health & Human Services**  
**Committee vote: ONTP**

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### **SUMMARY**

LD 753 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a pilot project of 6 model Family Resource Centers in the State to be administered by the Maine Children's Trust. Each Family Resource Center, selected through a competitive bidding process, would be required to provide an array of family support services and activities including, but not limited to, the following six core services: parent education, child development activities, resource and referral advice, drop-in availability, peer-to-peer supports, life skills education and advocacy.

The bill requires an evaluation of the pilot projects to be conducted by the University of Southern Maine, Muskie School of Public Service to examine program outcomes and service quality measures.

LD 753 provides funding of \$1,440,000, over 2 years to support the pilot project, including \$1,200,000 to fund 6 Family Resource Centers through the Maine Children's Trust; \$120,000 to fund administrative costs at the Maine Children's Trust; and \$120,000 to fund the program evaluation.

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND COST:           \$1,440,000 over two years**