

HB 1623-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1623-FN***

AN ACT relative to cost of living adjustments for foster parents.

SPONSORS: Rep. B. Boyd, Hills. 21

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill provides for a one-time 1.3 percent cost-of-living adjustment for the daily reimbursement rate for foster parents.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; Child Day Care, Residential Care, and Child-Placing Agencies; Foster
2 Parents; Daily Rate Cost-of-Living Adjustment. Amend RSA 170-E:52 by inserting after paragraph
3 VI the following new paragraph:

4 VII. The foster parent shall receive a one-time cost-of-living adjustment on each daily rate
5 reimbursement category provided by the New Hampshire department of health and human services
6 division of children, youth, and families as published on the division's foster care and adoption
7 services web page. The amount of such adjustment shall be a 1.3 percent increase for each daily rate
8 reimbursement category.

9 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

**HB 1623-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$53,000 state general funds; \$33,000 federal funds	\$56,000 state general funds; \$34,000 federal funds	\$59,000 state general funds; \$36,000 federal funds
Funding Source:	☒ General federal funds. ☐ Education ☐ Highway ☒ Other - Matching			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill increases foster care provider rates by 1.3 percent effective July 1, 2022. The Department of Health and Human Services states that the proposed rate increase would apply to all foster care provider types, including the following: crisis home beds, emergency beds, general foster homes, and specialized foster home rates. The Department further assumes utilization of foster services will increase by 5 percent per year above a base cost of \$6,285,184 in FY 2022.

Based on these assumptions, the Department anticipates the following fiscal impact:

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Base Cost with 5%/Year Utilization Increase	\$ 6,285,184	\$ 6,599,443	\$ 6,929,415	\$ 7,275,886
1.3% Rate Increase	\$ -	\$ 85,793	\$ 90,082	\$ 94,587
<i>State General Fund Share</i>	\$ -	\$ 53,192	\$ 55,851	\$ 58,644
<i>Federal Fund Share</i>	\$ -	\$ 32,601	\$ 34,231	\$ 35,943

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Health and Human Services