



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1

LR 258(05)

An Act To Stimulate Capital Investment for Innovative Businesses in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-378)

Committee: Business, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill authorizes the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) to oversee a state innovation finance program allowing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) to apply to FAME for approval of new investments in venture capital funds. FAME may issue refundable tax credits to MainePERS sufficient to offset 80% of the cost of any such investments in the event of realized losses in value. The timing and extent of any such losses will depend upon the extent of MainePERS participation in the program and the performance of any investments, with reimbursement for any such losses capped at a maximum of \$20,000,000. No current biennium impact is anticipated.

This legislation permits, but does not require, MainePERS to invest in certain venture capital funds. If MainePERS decides to participate, it is not expected to significantly affect administrative costs.

FAME will not require additional General Fund appropriations to establish and administer the state innovation finance program due to the provisions in the bill that allow it to charge MainePERS fees for the costs of implementing and administering the program.



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LD 91

LR 357(05)

An Act To Fund the Maine Downtown Center

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "B" (H-607)

Committee: Business, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides a one-time appropriation to the State Planning Office of \$10,000 to recapitalize the Maine Downtown Center.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 233

LR 262(07)

An Act To Include Independent Practice Dental Hygienists in MaineCare

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "B" (H-647)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$52,580	\$156,113	\$234,169
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$52,580	\$156,113	\$234,169
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$103,818	\$275,138	\$412,706
Federal Expenditures Fund ARRA	\$0	\$5,321	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides an appropriation of \$52,580 in 2010-11 for the state share of the costs of providing MaineCare reimbursement directly to dental hygienists practicing independently beginning October 1, 2010. Assumes initially that five dental hygienists will provide services to an average of 15 MaineCare eligible children per week each at an estimated per visit cost of \$115 and that 50% of this initial utilization would replace existing services and 50% would reflect an increase in MaineCare dental hygienists services provided. Further assumes an additional five dental hygienists each year in subsequent years.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 425

LR 962(03)

An Act To Require Private Insurance Coverage for Certain Services for Children with Disabilities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-663)

Committee: Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - All Funds

Potential future biennium savings - General Fund

Potential future biennium savings - Federal Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Assumes requiring individual and group health insurance policies and health maintenance organization contracts to provide coverage for early intervention services for children from birth to 3 years of age up to \$3,200 per year per child up to a maximum of \$9,600 by the child's 3rd birthday would result in potential costs to the State Employee Health Benefit Plan and potential savings to the MaineCare program in the Department of Health and Human Services and to the Child Development Services program in the Department of Education. Given the bill would apply to policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2011, any costs or savings to State programs are expected to be minor for the current biennium.

Estimates of the potential future biennium cost to the State Employee Health Benefit Plan are consistent with the Bureau of Insurance report to the Insurance and Financial Services Committee that estimated a cost of \$0.22 per member per month, resulting in a total estimated annual cost to the plan of \$84,500, with a resulting General Fund impact of approximately \$31,900 per year and a Highway Fund impact of approximately \$12,400 per year.

Preliminary estimates of the potential future biennium savings to the MaineCare program range from the \$250,000 per year included in the Bureau of Insurance report to approximately \$300,000 per year based on Department of Health and Human services estimates, with the resulting savings to the General Fund in the range of \$90,500 to \$108,600 per year (assuming a 63.80% federal match).

Potential future biennium savings to the Child Development Services program in the Department of Education cannot be determined.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 445

LR 1033(05)

An Act To Improve Tribal-State Relations

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "B" (H-714)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$81,553	\$45,844
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$81,553	\$45,844

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This Legislature will incur additional General Fund costs totaling \$81,553 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$45,844 in fiscal year 2012-13 for the costs associated with adding one tribal representative with compensation similar to other members of the House of Representatives starting with the 125th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session. The estimated amounts include \$45,000 for the costs of renovating the House Chamber to accommodate the additional member. This amount reflects the lower end of the range of estimated costs that will vary from \$45,000 to \$100,000 depending on the options chosen.

The additional costs to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Executive Department can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 659

LR 392(05)

An Act To Remove the Sales Tax on Certain Watercraft

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "B" (H-597)
Committee: Taxation**

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$502,068	\$549,632	\$571,618
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$502,068)	(\$549,632)	(\$571,618)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$26,425)	(\$28,928)	(\$30,085)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill exempts from Maine sales tax all nonresident purchases of watercraft and any material sold to construct, repair, alter, refit, reconstruct, overhaul or restore a watercraft. This exemption will reduce General Fund revenue by \$502,068 in 2010-11 and will reduce Local Government Fund revenue by \$26,425 in 2010-11. Any additional costs to Maine Revenue Services associated with administering the exemption can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 791

LR 807(05)

An Act To Prohibit Furnishing a Place for Minors To Use Illegal Drugs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "B" (S-364)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$84,061	\$72,745	\$99,264
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$91,397	\$87,417	\$113,936
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$7,336	\$14,672	\$14,672

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class C and D crimes; increases correctional and judicial costs

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Correctional Cost Detail	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Class C Crime	\$0	\$49,222	\$37,042	\$63,561	\$37,042
Class D Crime	\$0	\$33,975	\$33,975	\$33,975	\$33,975
Total Cost - All Convictions	\$0	\$83,197	\$71,017	\$97,536	\$71,017

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$83,197 in fiscal year 2010-11 for the estimated additional cost to state and county correctional facilities. This estimate assumes 5 Class D convictions per year, one Class C conviction every other year to be served in a county facility and one Class C conviction every other year to be served in a state facility.

This bill also includes a General Fund appropriation of \$1,600 in fiscal year 2010-11 for the judicial branch to support the anticipated increase in trial costs and \$6,600 in fiscal year 2010-11 for the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services for the estimated cost of court-appointed counsel. The increase in judicial branch General Fund fine revenue is estimated to be \$7,336 in fiscal year 2010-11.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1198

LR 969(03)

An Act To Reform Insurance Coverage To Include Diagnosis and Treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorders

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-430)

Committee: Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - All Funds

Potential future biennium savings - General Fund

Potential future biennium savings - Federal Expenditures Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Assumes requiring individual and group health insurance policies, contracts and certificates to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders for persons 5 year of age and under, with coverage for applied behavioral therapy subject to a maximum annual benefit of \$36,000 per year, would result in potential costs to the State Employee Health Benefit Plan and potential savings to the MaineCare program in the Department of Health and Human Services and to the Child Development Services program in the Department of Education. Given the bill as amended would apply to policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2011, any costs or savings to State programs are expected to be minor for the current biennium.

Estimates of the potential future biennium cost to the State Employee Health Benefit Plan were consistent with the Bureau of Insurance original report to the Insurance and Financial Services Committee that assumed coverage for persons 21 years of age or under and estimated a cost of \$1.90 per member per month. While an actuarial analysis has not been completed on the bill as amended to require coverage for persons five year of age and under, the fiscal impact is assumed to be reduced by approximately one half, resulting in a total estimated annual cost to the plan of \$335,600, with the General Fund portion approximately \$138,000 per year and the Highway Fund portion approximately \$54,000 per year.

Estimates of the potential future biennium savings to the MaineCare program are approximately \$850,000 per year based on Department of Health and Human Services estimates, with resulting savings to the General Fund of approximately \$308,000 per year (assuming a 63.80% federal match). These estimates are consistent with assumptions included in the original Bureau of Insurance study assuming coverage for persons 21 and under as modified to reflect the revised bill's coverage for persons five years of age and under.

Potential future biennium savings to the Child Development Services program in the Department of Education cannot be determined.

Additional costs to the Bureau of Insurance in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation for the required report are expected to be minor and will be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1464

LR 500(05)

An Act To Amend Licensing, Certification and Registration Requirements for Health Care Providers and Other Facilities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "B" (H-593)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$77,113)	(\$76,901)	(\$76,682)
Highway Fund	\$0	\$6,617	\$6,821	\$7,031
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$6,887	\$7,099	\$7,318
Highway Fund	\$0	\$6,617	\$6,821	\$7,031
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$84,000	\$84,000	\$84,000
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the number of civil violations and civil suits.

The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$6,887 and a Highway Fund allocation of \$6,617 in fiscal year 2010-11 to the Department of Public Safety for an estimated 400 hours of overtime per year within the State Bureau of Investigation to process additional criminal background checks. General Fund revenues will increase by \$84,000 beginning in fiscal year 2010-11 and Other Special Revenue Funds by \$3,000 beginning in fiscal year 2010-11 for fees related to an increased number of criminal background checks processed by the Bureau.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1507

LR 2436(03)

An Act To Ensure Fairness in Penalties for Administrative Errors in the Long-term Care Assessment Process

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-782)
Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$104,723	\$126,227	\$126,227
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$104,723	\$126,227	\$126,227
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$262,321	\$262,321	\$262,321
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$22,614	\$22,614	\$22,614
Federal Expenditures Fund ARRA	\$0	\$21,504	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$22,614	\$22,614	\$22,614

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides an appropriation of \$104,723 to the Nursing Facilities program in the Department of Health and Human Services for the increase in MaineCare costs resulting from reducing the applicability of the MaineCare reimbursement penalty for late or missed medical assessments to allow two late assessments without penalty.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1573

LR 2264(03)

An Act To Improve Water Quality through the Phaseout of Overboard Discharges and the Improvement of the Boat Pump-out Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-756)

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note

Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to pay, subject to the availability of funds, a portion of the cost of converting overboard discharge systems to waste-reducing alternative systems if certain criteria are met. The DEP estimates that if 40% of the existing 1350 OBDs have alternative systems at an average cost of \$25,000 each and the state share is 65%, the total cost of these grants would be approximately \$8,775,000. Typically, state participation in costs of this nature has been paid from bond proceeds. Currently, available bond proceeds are limited and no provision is made in this bill for a new bond issue. As a result, additional legislation will be required to create a bond issue or provide a General Fund appropriation to fund these costs. In separate legislation LD 1816 proposes \$500,000 in bonds for overboard discharge.

Any additional costs to the DEP associated with authorizations, issuance of written decisions or making findings of fact can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1575

LR 2261(03)

An Act To Establish a Residential Wood Stove Replacement Fund

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-642)

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue decrease - General Fund

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Residential Wood Stove Replacement Fund and includes an annual allocation of \$2,500,000 to the Department of Environmental Protection beginning in fiscal year 2010-11. Money from the Fund will be used to provide financial incentives to replace certain wood stoves with models with lower emissions of pollution. Revenue is anticipated from civil penalties for violations of air quality laws or rules administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. Currently, violators in civil enforcement actions resolved by the department pay penalties into the General Fund or may agree to apply up to 80% of their penalty toward a supplemental environmental project (SEP) pursuant to 38 MRSA, section 349, subsection 2-A. This bill allows the new fund to receive revenue in a similar manner but without the 80% restriction. No estimate is made of the amount violators will agree to assign to this new purpose. A similar funding mechanism was established for the Outdoor Wood Boiler Fund in 2008. To date there have been no deposits to that fund.

As there is nothing to prevent a violator whose penalty would have gone to the General Fund absent this bill from agreeing to contribute to the Residential Wood Stove Replacement Fund, the possibility exists for reduced revenue to the General Fund from penalties.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1583

LR 2258(03)

An Act To Improve the Delivery of Community Corrections Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-679)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$37,856	\$37,856	\$37,856
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$37,856	\$37,856	\$37,856

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the number of probation revocations; increases judicial, correctional and indigent legal services costs.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$26,656 in fiscal year 2010-11 to the State Board of Corrections based on an estimated increase of 32 probation revocations per year and an average per sentence cost of \$832. The Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services will receive a General Fund appropriation of \$11,200 to support the additional court-appointed counsel costs related to these cases.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1626

LR 2110(03)

An Act To Amend the Unemployment Compensation Laws Regarding Vacation Pay

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-648)

Committee: Labor

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund

Potential future biennium revenue increase - Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$34,520	\$34,520	\$34,520
Highway Fund	\$0	\$18,820	\$18,820	\$18,820
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$34,520	\$34,520	\$34,520
Highway Fund	\$0	\$18,820	\$18,820	\$18,820

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Removing vacation pay as a deductible income when calculating a claimant's unemployment compensation benefit amount will increase costs to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund beginning in fiscal year 2009-10 due to an increase in benefit payments. An analysis performed by the Department of Labor's Center for Workforce Research and Information estimates the increase in benefit costs to be between 0.7% and 0.8% of total regular benefits. If this provision had been in place in 2007, the estimated increase in benefit costs would have been between \$800,000 and \$850,000 based on total regular benefit costs of \$113.96 million. If this provision had been in place during the recession year of 2009, the estimated increase would have been between \$1.8 million and \$2.0 million, based on total regular benefit costs of \$254.0 million.

This expansion of benefits may potentially affect the contribution rate schedule in future biennia. The impact to all employers and the timing of the impact can not be determined at this time and will depend on the level of benefits paid, contributions received and the balance of the trust fund when the contribution schedule is calculated.

This bill will increase unemployment costs for executive branch departments and agencies that are in direct reimbursement status. The annual General Fund cost is estimated to be \$30,047, the Highway Fund cost is estimated to be \$18,820 and the cost to other state funds is estimated to be \$20,443 beginning in fiscal year 2010-11. A General Fund appropriation and a Highway Fund allocation are included to set aside funds for the estimated General Fund and Highway Fund costs, respectively.

This bill also includes General Fund appropriations in fiscal year 2010-11 to the Legislature and the Judicial Department of \$3,825 and \$648, respectively, for the costs to these departments.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1632

LR 2349(03)

An Act Regarding Biofuel in Number 2 Heating Oil

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-690)

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Potential future biennium cost increase - Highway Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Administrative and Financial Services will require additional General Fund appropriations and Highway Fund allocations beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 to comply with state biofuel goals. The exact amounts can not be determined at this time and will depend on the difference in price per gallon.

Consultation with the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security regarding the feasibility of setting a requirement for the percentage of biofuel to be used in #2 heating oil will cause the Department of Environment Protection, the Public Utilities Commission and Efficiency Maine Trust to incur minor costs which can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1633

LR 2116(03)

An Act To Expand Eligibility of Certain Municipal Landfills To Participate in the State's Remediation and Closure Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-629)

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note

Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the State to pay 75% of the costs of closing municipal landfills that meet certain criteria. It is assumed that there are three licensed municipal landfills likely to be eligible to receive such funding. Estimates by the Department of Environmental Protection put these costs at \$1,700,000. Typically, state participation in costs of this nature have been paid from bond proceeds. Since no bond proceeds are available at this time, subsequent legislation will be required to create a bond issue or provide a General Fund appropriation to fund these costs.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1642

LR 2334(03)

An Act Relating to Road Noise

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-672)

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Potential current biennium cost increase - Highway Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The State Police within the Department of Public Safety may see increases in violations as a result of this legislation. More violations would result in more court time for State Police troopers. If the court time falls on a scheduled day off the trooper would be paid overtime for at least 4 hours, potentially increasing both General Fund and Highway Fund costs to the Department of Public Safety.

Additional costs to the Department of Public safety and Department of Transportation related to the working group can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1658

LR 2251(03)

An Act To Increase Maine's High School Graduation Rates

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-429)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires secondary schools that have not attained an 80% graduation rate by the end of the 2012-2013 school year to provide the Commissioner of Education with a copy of an action plan developed pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5103, subsection 5 by December 31, 2013.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

Insignificant statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education to 1) provide the required technical assistance; 2) adopt the required rules; 3) establish the required stakeholder group to develop the required methodologies and recommendations; and 4) prepare the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1666

LR 2135(03)

An Act To Improve the Seed Capital Investment Tax Credit Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-404)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$506,747	\$493,060
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$506,747)	(\$493,060)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	(\$26,671)	(\$25,951)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Expansion of the seed capital investment tax credit program by (1) increasing the credit from 40% of an eligible investment to 60% and making the credit available state-wide; (2) raising the individual/entity tax credit limit in certain circumstances from \$200,000 to \$500,000; and (3) allowing venture capital funds to claim a 50% refundable credit will reduce General Fund revenues. The General Fund revenue loss is estimated at \$506,747 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$493,060 in fiscal year 2012-13, then declines to \$236,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$26,000 in fiscal year 2014-15.

Additional costs to the Finance Authority of Maine associated with rulemaking can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1679

LR 2277(03)

An Act To Create Jobs and Stimulate Economic Development by Making Captive Insurers Eligible for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-400)

Committee: Business, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium revenue decrease - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Expansion of Pine Tree Zone credit eligibility to captive insurance companies may result in future reductions to General Fund revenues. Neither the amounts nor the timing of the revenue reductions are determinable at this time. Any additional costs to the Department of Economic and Community Development associated with determining and certifying eligibility, to Maine Revenue Services for extended processing of the state income tax credit, as well as to the Public Utilities Commission for processing rate applications and adjustments can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1704

LR 2402(05)

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Authority over and Oversight of Certified Nursing Assistant Educational Programs

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-736)
H "A" (H-781) to C "A" (H-736)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$7,717)	(\$5,397)	(\$2,989)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$66,468	\$68,788	\$71,196
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	(\$52,015)	(\$53,617)	(\$55,268)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$22,489	\$23,274	\$24,089
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$74,185	\$74,185	\$74,185
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$22,489	\$22,489	\$22,489

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill provides an appropriation of \$66,468 in 2010-11 for the General Fund costs of one Social Services Program Specialist II position established in the Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services to align the functions of the Certified Nursing Assistant Educational Programs within one department. The Federal share of these costs will ultimately be reflected in a related Other Special Revenue Funds account. The bill assumes a net increase in General Fund undedicated revenue of \$74,185 in 2010-11 from increasing the fee charged for competency testing from \$20 to \$45 and for the letter of verification of completion of a certified nursing assistant program increasing from \$10 to \$20.

The bill includes a Federal Expenditures Fund deallocation of \$52,015 in fiscal year 2010-11 to the PK-20 Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment program within the Department of Education due to one vacant Office Assistant II position being eliminated as a result of the responsibilities related to the certification of activities coordinators and Certified Nursing Assistants being transferred from the Department of Education to the Department of Health and Human Services.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1735

LR 2353(03)

An Act To Waive Certain Penalties Imposed against School Administrative Units if the State Has Not Fulfilled Its Goal of Paying 55% of Costs

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-691)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

No state fiscal impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation will not affect the total cost of K-12 public education or the State's share of that cost. However, this bill may change the distribution of state subsidy to local school administrative units in fiscal year 2010-11 through fiscal year 2013-14 with some school administrative units receiving more state subsidy than would have been received had this provision not been in place and some school administrative units receiving less. The impact to individual school administrative units can not be determined at this time.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1745

LR 2338(03)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing County Jail Budgeting for York County

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-461)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The reduction in the York county assessment for correctional-related expenditures will not have a financial impact on the State Board of Corrections until fiscal year 2013-14. The current correctional-related assessment for York county is \$8,667,248 and includes the cost of the county jail's annual debt service obligation for its heating, ventilating and air conditioning system, \$280,433. The last scheduled payment for that system is due March 1, 2013 so beginning in fiscal year 2013-14, based on the current assessment, York county would continue to assess \$280,433 for debt service costs they are no longer obligated to pay. That surplus would then become available for the State Board of Corrections to reinvest in other correctional-related costs. This bill lowers the assessment by \$280,433 thereby eliminating the future benefit to the State Board of Corrections.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1776

LR 2539(03)

An Act To Protect Teacher Retirement Income

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-405)

Committee: Labor

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing teachers and participating local district employees covered by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to purchase time attributable to days off without pay during fiscal year 2009-10 and fiscal year 2010-11 as a result of actions taken by a school administrative unit or participating local district will not increase the unfunded actuarial liability of the State Employee and Teacher program or result in an unfunded actuarial liability to the Participating Local District Program. The potential impact on the employers' future contribution rate can not be determined at this time and will be based on the future experience of each plan. Because the State pays 100% of the employer's share of teacher retirement costs, any increase in the employers' contribution rate for teachers will be borne fully by the General Fund.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1800

LR 2604(03)

An Act To Adopt the Common Core State Standards Initiative

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-423)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Allows for the inclusion of a core of standards in English language arts and mathematics for kindergarten to grade 12 established in common with other states. Because the "Common Core of State Standards" has not been finalized, it is unclear as to what the potential impact to local school administrative units may be.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

Unknown

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education associated with adopting emergency rules to include a common core of standards in English language arts and mathematics for kindergarten to grade 12 in the statewide system of learning results and assessment can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1804

LR 2593(03)

An Act Concerning Certain MaineCare Rules Regarding Services Provided through the Child Development Services System and School Administrative Units

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-497)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$43,107	\$44,575	\$46,099
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$43,107	\$44,575	\$46,099
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$43,107	\$44,575	\$46,099

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides an appropriation of \$43,107 in fiscal year 2010-11 for the Office of MaineCare Services in the Department of Health and Human Services for the state share of the costs of one Comprehensive Health Planner II position and related costs for the additional workload required for MaineCare program rules regarding services provided through the auspices of the Child Development Services System and school administrative units. Assumes federal matching funds would also be available for this purpose.

Additional costs to the Department of Education to fulfill the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1821

LR 2640(02)

An Act Pertaining to Sales Tax Exemptions for Products Purchased for Agricultural Use

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

No Amendments

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,710	\$1,919	\$1,938
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$1,710)	(\$1,919)	(\$1,938)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$90)	(\$101)	(\$102)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Expanding the range of available sales and use tax exemptions for certain antiseptics and cleaning agents purchased for agricultural use will result in reduced revenue to the General Fund of \$1,710 in fiscal year 2010-11.