



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 52

LR 85(03)

An Act To Dedicate a Percentage of the Sales and Use Tax on Automobiles and Motorcycles to the Highway Fund

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-694)
Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$20,000	\$27,498,700	\$29,588,700
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$27,498,700)	(\$29,588,700)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$27,498,700)	(\$29,588,700)
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$27,498,700	\$29,588,700

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation proposes to transfer 20% of the sales or use tax on automobiles, motorcycles and the parts of such vehicles from the General Fund to the Highway Fund. The first required transfer would be made on July 1, 2013, thus having no effect on either General Fund or Highway Fund Revenues through fiscal year 2012-13. After the current biennium, this transfer would result in a reduction in General Fund revenue of \$27,498,700 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$29,588,700 in fiscal year 2014-15, with corresponding increases in Highway Fund revenues. No Highway Fund allocations have been included as the legislation does not address how the funds should be spent.

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$20,000 to the Bureau of Revenue Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to modify the sales tax return form and make related changes to software and imaging processes in fiscal year 2012-13.



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LD 213

LR 1164(05)

An Act To Provide Funding for the Fish Stocking Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "B" (S-372)
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes an ongoing General Fund appropriation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife of \$500,000 beginning in fiscal year 2012-13 for the purchase of fish for the fish stocking program.



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LD 234

LR 633(05)

An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption to Commercial Horticulturists

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "B" (H-687)
Committee: Taxation**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$9,500	\$9,785	\$10,079
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$9,500)	(\$9,785)	(\$10,079)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$500)	(\$515)	(\$530)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Providing a sales tax exemption for certain products used in commercial agricultural production to include products used in commercial horticulture will reduce General Fund revenue by \$9,500 annually and will reduce revenue sharing by approximately \$500 annually.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 309

LR 492(01)

An Act To Make Voluntary Membership in a Public Employee Labor Organization in the State

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Winsor of Norway

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Eliminating the provision in law that a bargaining agent that has been certified by the executive director of the Maine Labor Relations Board as representing a bargaining unit through a majority vote of employees in that unit shall be recognized by the public employer as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all of the employees in the bargaining unit may result in increased bargaining costs to state, county, municipal, public schools and public higher education employers due to the potential increase in the number of bargaining agents that an employer may have to negotiate with. The cost can not be determined at this time.

The Department of Administrative and Financial Services will incur additional costs to develop and maintain different payroll and compensation systems to accomodate state employees who opt to not be represented by unions. The amount cannot be determined at this time.

This legislation may result in General Fund savings to the Maine Labor Relations Board from reduced election costs. The amount can not be determined at this time. However, information provided by the Maine Labor Relations Board indicates that from May 2009 through May 2011, the board conducted 38 elections involving 1,815 voters at a cost of \$1,960 over the two year period, or \$1.08 per voter.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 372

LR 1370(08)

An Act To Reduce Deer Predation

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "C" (H-769)
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for a 5-year period beginning in fiscal year 2012-13 and ending in fiscal year 2016-17 to control predation of deer on private and public lands.



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LD 384

LR 1137(05)

An Act To Provide Incentives To Foster Economic Growth and Build Infrastructure in the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-895)

H "A" (H-909) to C "A" (H-895)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$24,895,500	\$49,895,500	\$49,895,500
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$24,000,000	\$49,000,000	\$49,000,000
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$24,895,500)	(\$49,895,500)	(\$49,895,500)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$24,005,500	\$49,005,500	\$49,005,500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Motion Picture, Musical and Digital Media Incentive Program Fund to be administered by the Office of Tourism within the Department of Economic and Community Development and provides Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$24,000,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 and \$49,000,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 to provide rebates to eligible motion picture companies. This fiscal note reflects the maximum amount of rebates that may be authorized in each fiscal year. The actual cost of the rebates to be issued in each fiscal year will depend on actual experience.

This bill requires the State Controller to transfer \$24,000,000 by January 1, 2013 and \$49,000,000 by January 1st of each subsequent fiscal year from General Fund undedicated revenue to the Motion Picture, Musical and Digital Media Incentive Program Fund for the rebates. It also requires the State Controller to transfer \$1,000,000 per year to the Finance Authority of Maine for the Visual and Digital Media Loan Fund.

The repeal of the visual media production tax credit increases General Fund revenue by \$104,500 annually beginning fiscal year 2012-13. Revenue sharing will also increase by \$5,500 annually beginning in fiscal year 2012-13.

Additional costs to the Office of Tourism associated with administering the program can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 627

LR 1517(03)

An Act To Expand the Capacity of York County Community College

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-699)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,077,000	\$257,000	\$257,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,077,000	\$257,000	\$257,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation totaling \$1,077,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 to the Maine Community College System to expand the capacity of the Integrated Manufacturing Program at the York County Community College to respond to the demand for workforce education and training programs. Of that amount, \$820,000 is appropriated on a one-time basis and \$257,000 is provided on an ongoing basis.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 637

LR 683(05)

An Act To Increase the Amount Tagging Agents Receive for Tagging Game

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "B" (H-683)
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$27,500	\$30,000	\$30,000
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$27,500)	(\$30,000)	(\$30,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation increases by \$1 the amount tagging agents may retain for each registration fee and reduces by \$1 the amount of the tagging fee returned to the state, resulting in a decrease in General Fund revenue of \$27,500 in fiscal year 2012-13 and \$30,000 thereafter.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 765

LR 754(05)

An Act To Address the Documented Educational and Rehabilitation Needs of Persons Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "B" (H-737)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$438,263	\$440,932	\$445,962
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$13,963	\$438,263	\$440,932	\$445,962
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$46,065	\$37,657	\$38,977	\$40,172
Transfers				
General Fund	\$13,963	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$13,963 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$438,263 in fiscal year 2012-13 to the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired within the Department of Labor to provide federally mandated services to blind and visually impaired children and adults.

Of this amount, \$13,963 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$142,595 is appropriated for one Orientation and Mobility Specialist position (effective May 1, 2012) and one Blindness and Rehabilitation Specialist position (effective July 1, 2012) to be established within the Division to provide instruction in safe and independent travel to children and adults and to provide case management services for blind children. The \$295,668 balance of the General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2012-13 is provided to support the cost of two Certified Teacher of Visually Impaired contracted positions and two Vision Rehabilitation Therapist contracted positions to provide direct services to children in the classroom and to teach independent living and job readiness skills to certain transition age students, working age adults and seniors.

This bill also includes Federal Expenditures Fund allocations totaling \$46,065 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$37,657 in fiscal year 2012-13. Of that amount, \$40,000 is allocated on a one-time basis in fiscal year 2011-12 to support the cost of two Certified Teacher of Visually Impaired contracted positions. The funding to support the positions will come from a one-time transfer of federal funds from the Department of Education. The remaining \$6,065 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$37,657 in fiscal year 2012-13 are provided for the cost of one half-time Orientation and Mobility Specialist position to be established within the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired to work with children and adults in the classroom and in the community to provide instruction in safe and independent travel.

Finally, this bill includes language that lapses \$13,963 from the Governor's Training Initiative Program, General Fund account to the the General Fund no later than June 30, 2012 to offset the fiscal year 2011-12 General Fund appropriation.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 771

LR 757(07)

Resolve, To Support the Development of a Model Charter for the St. John Valley Regional Planning Commission

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-948)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,700	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,700	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,700 in fiscal year 2011-12 to the Administration - Economic and Community Development program within the Department of Economic and Community Development for the costs associated with staff travel to Aroostook County to provide assistance at a minimum of 2 meetings to facilitate the development of a model charter for the St. John Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Additional costs to the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 835

LR 1210(14)

An Act To Strengthen Maine's Economy through Improvements to the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "B" (H-703)

H "A" (H-814) to C "B" (H-703)

H "B" (H-844) to C "B" (H-703)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$90,250	\$494,950	\$722,950
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$90,250)	(\$494,950)	(\$722,950)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$4,750)	(\$26,050)	(\$38,050)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill modifies the education opportunity tax credit to make it refundable (only in the case of students majoring in science, technology, engineering or amthematics), extends credit eligibility to include certain students who transfer to an accredited Maine community college, college, or university from an accredited out-of-state institution and removes restrictions on the term of eligible loans. The changes apply to tax years beinning after December 31, 2012. The Legislature is required to review the effectiveness of the educational opportunity tax credit by no later than June 1, 2021. The bill will reduce General Fund revenues and reduce revenue sharing starting in fiscal year 2012-13. Maine Revenue Services states that the revenue reductions may be substantially larger beyond fiscal year 2014-15 as more cohorts become eligible for the credit and participation levels increase.

Additional costs to the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy to report the required information to the Department of Education by February 1, 2021 can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of each institution. The Department of Education has estimated the cost for its staff to compile data and submit required recommendations by March 1, 2021 to be approximately \$8,000 in fiscal year 2020-21.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 849

LR 149(23)

An Act To Provide Tax Relief for Maine's Citizens by Reducing Income Taxes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "C" (S-427)

S "C" (S-443) to C "C" (S-427)

S "E" (S-506) to C "C" (S-427)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium revenue decrease - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires that 20% of any General Fund revenue exceeding the General Fund appropriation limitation as well as 20% of any uncommitted resources in the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund, also known as the Cascade, be transferred at the close of each fiscal year to the Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents. The percentages of revenue that are transferred to other accounts in the cascade are reduced by 20%. The Fund is to be used to lower individual income tax rates until there is a single bracket with a rate of 4%, after which time future tax relief may be identified. Tax relief will not take place until the State Controller has certified that the benefits required under the Circuitbreaker Program have been fully funded. Based on currently budgeted revenue, no transfers of General Fund revenue in excess of the appropriation limitation are expected through the end of fiscal year 2014-15. If actual revenue in these or later fiscal years exceeds budgeted revenue, leaving an excess for year-end distribution to the Fund, the balance, when sufficient, would be used to replace the revenues that would be lost by reducing individual income tax rates. The amount of rate reduction that would occur in any tax year is to be determined solely by reference to the balance of the Fund and the revenue that would be lost by any rate reduction effective for the following tax year. Since the funding for the rate reduction is non-recurring and the rate reductions permanent, it is possible that the bill could result in significantly reduced revenues for all years following the implementation of a tax rate reduction.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 905

LR 1592(03)

An Act Regarding the Distribution and Sale of Spirits

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-915)
Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$92,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$92,000	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$92,000)	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$92,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 for contracted auditing services of on-premises retailers to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations requiring them to purchase spirits from a licensed reselling agent in the state. Funding for this allocation will come from a transfer from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Lottery Operations program and will reduce General Fund revenue by \$92,000.

Additional costs to the Departments of Administrative and Financial Services and Public Safety associated with rulemaking, conducting the cost benefit analysis, assessing the impact of an increase in the number of licensed agency stores and reporting the results and developing a system to facilitate the electronic filing of reports and remittances of taxes related to spirits, malt liquor and wine can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 958

LR 1802(05)

Resolve, To Authorize the Legislature To Contract for an Independent Review To Evaluate the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "B" (H-920)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Legislative Cost/Study

The costs of the 4 authorized interim committee meetings are projected to be \$6,500 in fiscal year 2012-13. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 for legislative studies. Whether this amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$150,000 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 to the Legislature and corresponding General Fund deappropriations to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools (GPA) program within the Department of Education to provide funds to the Legislature to contract with a qualified research entity for an independent review of the Essential Programs and Services (EPS) Funding Act. The funds being shifted from the GPA program to the Legislature are funds that are specifically allocated within GPA for the review of the cost components of EPS and for the compilation and analysis of education data and will not affect subsidy provided to local school administrative units.

Additional costs to the Department of Education and the State Board of Education to serve on the advisory committee can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

The Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability can absorb within existing budgeted resources the additional costs associated with providing assistance to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs to implement a contract to conduct the independent review of the EPS Funding Act.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1164

LR 1774(03)

An Act To Support Maine Farms and Alleviate Hunger

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-710)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$817,000	\$2,726,500	\$2,726,500
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$817,000)	(\$2,726,500)	(\$2,726,500)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$43,000)	(\$143,500)	(\$143,500)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Providing a non-refundable income tax credit of up to \$2,500 to persons engaged in commercial agricultural production for donations of food to incorporated nonprofit organizations that provide free food to low-income persons to alleviate hunger will reduce revenues to the General Fund and reduce revenue sharing.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1237

LR 614(08)

An Act To Prohibit Bullying and Cyberbullying in Schools

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "B" (H-745)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires school boards, when amending its policies and procedures that address bullying, to include the following:

- ~ procedures for students, school staff, parents, guardians and others to report incidents of bullying including anonymous reporting of bullying;
- ~ procedures for prompt investigating and responding to incidents of bullying including written documentation of reported incidents and the outcome of the investigation;
- ~ procedure for appealing a decision to take or not take disciplinary action;
- ~ procedure to remediate any substantiated incident of bullying;
- ~ process to communicate measures being taken to ensure the safety of the targeted student and to prevent further acts of bullying.

Requires the annual dissemination of the written policy to students, parents, guardians, volunteers, administrators, teachers and school staff; posting of policy on the school administrative unit's publicly accessible website; and inclusion of the policy, in detail, to the student handbook.

Requires superintendent to address every substantiated incident of bullying.

Requires local school administrative units to provide professional development and staff training in the best approaches to implementing the anti-bullying policy.

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.

Unit Affected	Local Cost
School	Significant statewide

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education to create a model policy on bullying, harassment and sexual harrassment by January 1, 2013 and to create a procedure under which material incidents of discrimination, harassment, sexual harassment, cyberbullying and bullying are reported to the department can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1242

LR 1702(03)

An Act To Restore the Deer Herd in Certain Wildlife Management Districts in Maine

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-829)
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$38,000)	(\$38,000)	(\$38,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation directs that \$2 of each deer registration fee be deposited into the Maine Deer Management Fund and will result in a reduction of General Fund revenue of \$38,000 and a corresponding increase in Other Special Revenue Funds revenue beginning in fiscal year 2012-13. This estimate is based upon the number of deer registrations during the 2011 hunting season. The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife of \$38,000 in fiscal year 2012-13.

Additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife associated with rulemaking and establishing a process on paper hunting license applications for a person to donate money to the Maine Deer Management Fund can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1422

LR 1901(16)

An Act To Prepare Maine People for the Future Economy

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-477)
S "C" (S-529) to C "A" (S-477)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

Contingent State Mandate - Funded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires local school administrative units to transition to proficiency-based standards for awarding a high school diploma by January 1, 2017 contingent on transition grants being provided annually. To the extent that the development of the methodology for implementation can be provided by the working group and the Department of Education the costs to school administrative units may be moderated.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

Moderate 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

This bill requires the Department of Education to provide annual grants to School Administrative Units (SAU's) equal to 1/10 of 1% of an SAU's total cost of education to fund the cost of transitioning by January 1, 2017 to a standards-based system of education if funds are available. Implementation of the transition is delayed by one year for each year that the transition grants are not provided or funds appropriated by the State for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools falls below the funding levels provided for the 2012-2013 school year. The cost of this provision is estimated to be approximately \$1.89 million in fiscal year 2012-13.

Additional costs to the Department of Education to coordinate the development of standards, assessments and rubrics to be used in determining proficiency as required for secondary school graduation beginning January 1, 2017 and to develop the required technical assistance plan can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1465

LR 897(03)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Freedom of Access

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-514)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$80,598	\$80,861	\$83,192
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$80,598	\$80,861	\$83,192

State Mandates

Required Activity

Designate and train a Public Access Officer; provide copies of public records when requested.

Unit Affected

County
Municipality

Local Cost

Moderate
statewide

Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the state from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional costs.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$80,598 in fiscal year 2012-13 for the Department of the Attorney General to establish a Public Access Ombudsman position. The additional costs to other state agencies are expected to be minimal and can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources. The Governor's proposed supplemental budget for 2012-2013, LD 1903, includes a General Fund appropriation of \$36,531 in fiscal year 2012-13 for one part-time Assistant Attorney General position to serve as an ombudsman to assist in compliance with the State's freedom of access laws.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1469

LR 1684(04)

An Act To Increase Gaming Opportunities for Charitable Fraternal and Veterans' Organizations

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-887)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

Contingent future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Contingent future biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Contingent current biennium revenue increase - General Fund

Contingent current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation allows the Gambling Control Board to accept applications for slot machine operator licenses, beginning October 1, 2013, from charitable nonprofit organizations. Documentation of approval of the voters of the municipality must be submitted with the application. The Board may license up to 100 slot machines during the first year, with 250 total slot machines allowed.

Presented below is an estimate of the potential revenues that may be generated from new slot machine facilities and the subsequent distribution of those revenues. This fiscal note assumes 20 charitable nonprofit organizations would be licensed with a total of 100 slot machines, generating annual revenue of \$62,208 for the State's General Fund and \$188,072 for various other funds. The Gambling Control Board, Other Special Revenue Funds account would also receive license fees of \$30,000 in the first year and \$17,000 for license renewals in subsequent years. Annual state costs associated with an Inspector, an Auditor and other related expenses are estimated to be \$147,860.

	Annual Estimate
Summary of Slot Machine Facility Revenue	
Gross Slot Income (total value of money, tokens, credits, other value used to play a slot machine)	\$4,320,000
Player Payback - Slot Income	\$3,542,400
Net Slot Income	\$777,600
Share of Net Income for Distribution - 30%	\$233,280
Operator Share of Net Income - 70%	\$544,320
	Annual Estimate
State Revenues by Fund	
General Fund - Slot Machines	<u>\$62,208</u>
Total General Fund Revenue	\$62,208

Gambling Control Board - Slot Machines	\$77,760
Gambling Control Board - License Fees (\$30,000 the 1st year)	<u>\$17,000</u>
Subtotal	\$94,760
Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund	\$15,552
Municipalities	<u>\$77,760</u>
Total Other Special Revenue Funds Revenue	\$188,072
Total Revenue All Funds	\$250,280
Summary of Expenditure Impacts to the State	
General Fund	
- Public Safety	\$53,100
Other Special Revenue Funds	
- Public Safety	<u>\$94,760</u>
Total Expenditures	\$147,860



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1514

LR 945(03)

An Act To Amend the Sex Offender Registration Laws

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-873)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$83,279	\$83,622	\$86,035
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$83,279	\$83,622	\$86,035
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$83,279 in fiscal year 2012-13 for one Assistant Attorney General position to provide legal advice concerning the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 2012.

The bill also includes a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation to the Department of Public Safety of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 for required programming changes to the sex offender registry. The department has been awarded a federal grant to cover this cost which is expected to be received in June 2012. According to the department, the cost for programming could be as high as \$128,000. The department has applied for another federal grant of \$60,000 and expects to hear whether or not it is awarded in April with receipt of funds in late spring/early summer of 2012. If necessary, this grant will cover any additional programming costs not covered by the awarded grant with existing department personnel also providing programming work if needed.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1610

LR 2305(16)

An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Sale of Wood Pellets and Wood

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "B" (H-937)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$2,375	\$19,760	\$62,899	\$80,147
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$2,375)	(\$19,760)	(\$62,899)	(\$80,147)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$150)	(\$1,040)	(\$3,311)	(\$4,218)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill expands the sales tax exemption provided for certain purchases of fuel for residential use by raising the amount of wood pellet purchases presumed to be for residential use from 200 pounds to 1,000 pounds for purchases made on or before September 30, 2013 and extending that presumption to include all sales of wood pellets after that date. The bill also provides that purchases of up to one cord of firewood (including bundled campfire wood) are assumed to be for residential use. These changes will reduce General Fund revenues by \$2,375 in FY 2011-2012 and by \$19,760 in FY 2012-13. The reduction in General Fund revenues will be \$62,899 in FY 2013-2014 and \$80,147 in FY 2014-15.

The Maine State Housing Authority is required by rule, when carrying out its duties to receive, distribute and administer federal funds on behalf of the State for fuel assistance pursuant to the federal Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program, to give preference, all other factors being substantially equal, to United States suppliers of wood pellets. Additional costs to the Maine State Housing Authority associated with rulemaking can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1628

LR 2492(04)

An Act To Limit Payment for Care and Treatment of Residents of State Institutions

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-468)
Committee: Health and Human Services**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$63,079)	(\$63,079)	(\$63,079)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$63,079)	(\$63,079)	(\$63,079)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$96,921)	(\$96,921)	(\$96,921)
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$96,921)	(\$96,921)	(\$96,921)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The General Fund savings associated with limiting reimbursement for medical services provided to a resident of a state institution outside of the state institution to the Medicare rate is estimated to be \$63,079 in fiscal year 2012-13. The Other Special Revenue Funds savings and corresponding reduction in revenue is estimated to be \$96,921 in fiscal year 2012-13.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1653

LR 2520(03)

An Act To Make Fisheries and Wildlife and Marine Resources Projects Eligible for Tax Increment Financing

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-453)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$7,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$7,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$7,000 to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in fiscal year 2012-13 for rulemaking costs associated with establishing standards and a process for approval of fisheries and wildlife projects eligible for tax increment financing. This analysis assumes the department would need to hold 3-4 public hearings and incur costs related to meeting room rental and advertising.

Additional costs to the Department of Economic and Community Development associated with conducting the required review and with rulemaking can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1655

LR 2487(03)

An Act To Create a Sales Tax Exemption for the Sale and Delivery of Off-peak Electricity for Electric Thermal Storage Devices

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-383)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$2,090	\$8,455	\$8,540	\$8,625
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$2,090)	(\$8,455)	(\$8,540)	(\$8,625)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$110)	(\$445)	(\$449)	(\$454)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill provides a sales tax exemption for off-peak electricity used by electric thermal storage devices.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1667

LR 2404(03)

An Act To Clarify Authorization for a Court Facilities Bond

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-417)

Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Although the existing \$67,500,000 limit on borrowing is not raised by this bill, allowing additional kinds of expenditures for construction of court facilities in Machias and for planning for other court facilities may raise the amount of future debt service appropriations required by the Judicial Department. If it is assumed that every dollar of the limit would have been issued and spent without the additional uses being allowed, there would be no net increased costs, only a reduction in previously anticipated costs to offset the new construction and planning uses.

Ordinarily, changing the allowable use of bond proceeds after the official statement (OS) for the bonds and certain closing documents have been finalized would create significant legal considerations for a bond issuer. However, because the changes in this bill were consistent with the general language used to describe the use of the proceeds in the OS and closing documents, and because there will be at least one more issue related to the \$67,500,000 limit which could be worded to encompass the alternative use of new proceeds, it is not anticipated that this bill will create any legal problems for the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1683

LR 2373(03)

An Act To Provide Funding To Operate the Dolby Landfill in the Town of East Millinocket

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-750)
Committee: Environment and Natural Resources**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides an ongoing General Fund appropriation of \$250,000 beginning in fiscal year 2012-13 for the Dolby Landfill in the Town of East Millinocket.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1685

LR 2659(05)

An Act To Conform Maine Law to Federal Law Regarding Payment of Overtime to Truck Drivers and Driver's Helpers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-732)

H "A" (H-744) to C "A" (H-732)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor to document and report issues related to truck drivers and driver's helpers who are paid other than by an hourly rate. According to officials at the Department of Labor, the Wage and Hour Division is understaffed for its current workload and additional duties will require staff to work beyond a 40 hour week. As the bill requires the work to be performed within existing budgeted resources, the division has identified savings from the cancellation of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Health and Human Resources that will be used to fund the one-time estimated overtime costs of \$10,040 in fiscal year 2012-13 associated with the reporting requirement.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1711

LR 2644(03)

An Act To Adopt the Use of Standardized Risk Assessment in the Management of Domestic Violence Crimes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-890)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires law enforcement agencies to develop policies and procedures for the use of, and submission of the results of, a validated, evidence-based domestic violence risk assessment.

Unit Affected

Municipality
County

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 Public Safety associated with approving risk assessment and developing policies and procedures can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1731

LR 2470(04)

An Act To Fund the Computer Crimes Unit and Combat Human Sex Trafficking

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-502)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$346,676	\$349,010	\$351,416
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$346,676	\$349,010	\$351,416

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$346,676 in fiscal year 2012-13 to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, Computer Crimes Unit for one Forensic Analyst position and contracted detective services.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1742

LR 2563(04)

An Act To Amend Education Laws

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-757)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires local school administrative units to implement a gifted and talented education program.	School	Moderate 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 associated with rulemaking can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

**125th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1750****LR 2549(04)****An Act To Create the Maine Board of Tax Appeals****Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:****C "A" (H-860)****Committee: Taxation****Fiscal Note**

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill eliminates the Independent Appeals Office within Maine Revenue Services, Department of Administrative and Financial Services and creates the Maine Board of Tax Appeals, a 3-member board still within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. The board will begin to receive appeals on November 1, 2012 and will begin to consider appeals on January 1, 2013. The bill includes appropriations of \$421,783 beginning in fiscal year 2012-13 to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals for 4 positions and related costs and corresponding deappropriations of the same amount to Maine Revenue Services for elimination of 4 positions. It also includes an allocation of \$45,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 2012-13 to allow expenditure of a new \$150 processing fee for each petition that proceeds to an appeals conference.

The financial impact of these changes on the Judicial Department will depend of the number and complexity of cases that end up in court compared to the current appeals process and can not be estimated at this time.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1755

LR 2547(03)

An Act Regarding the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-513)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$219,495	\$219,495	\$219,495
Highway Fund	\$0	\$4,318	\$4,318	\$4,318
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$4,495	\$4,495	\$4,495
Highway Fund	\$0	\$4,318	\$4,318	\$4,318
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$242,920	\$242,920	\$242,920
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$215,000)	(\$215,000)	(\$215,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$242,920	\$242,920	\$242,920

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill dedicates an existing supervision fee currently deposited in the General Fund and creates a new dedicated application fee on adult probationers who apply for transfer of supervision to another state. General Fund revenue is decreased by \$215,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 and Other Special Revenue Funds revenue is increased by \$242,920 as a result of dedicating and adding fees. The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$242,920 in fiscal year 2012-13 for the Department of Corrections to defray the costs of supervision.

The bill also includes a General Fund appropriation of \$4,495 and a Highway Fund allocation of \$4,318 beginning in fiscal year 2012-13 to the Department of Public Safety for supplies related to additional DNA samples required in this legislation. Additional staff time related to taking and analyzing DNA samples can be absorbed with existing staff.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1779

LR 2566(03)

An Act To Update the Career and Technical Education Laws

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-416)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires all career and technical education programs to be based on national industry standards, or state level standards if national industry standards are not available or applicable.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

Moderate
limited scope

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 establish an industry stakeholder group and/or stakeholder groups to adopt or create national or state industry standards for all career and technical education programs can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Additional costs to local school administrative units can not be determined at this time and will depend on the industry standards accepted by the commissioner.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1781

LR 2635(03)

An Act To Restructure the National Board Certification Program for Teachers

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-488)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$606,720	\$606,720	\$606,720
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$507,500	\$619,500	\$714,000
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$606,720)	(\$606,720)	(\$606,720)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$606,720	\$606,720	\$606,720

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Providing that salary supplements to eligible teachers who attain certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards be paid with revenue collected from teacher certification renewal fees will result in an estimated decrease in General Fund revenue of approximately \$606,720 per year beginning in fiscal year 2012-13 and a corresponding increase in dedicated revenue of the same amount. This estimate is based on the average revenue received from teacher certification renewal fees from fiscal year 2006-07 through fiscal year 2010-2011. It appears that revenues generated from teacher certification renewal fees will be sufficient to cover the costs of the salary supplements through fiscal year 2013-14. However, a fee increase may be required beginning in fiscal year 2014-15 to fully fund this initiative.

The bill establishes the National Board Certification Scholarship Fund and the National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund as dedicated funds within the Department of Education and provides Other Special Revenue Funds allocations totaling \$507,500 in fiscal year 2012-13. Of that amount, \$457,500 is allocated to the National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund for the cost of providing the salary supplements to an estimated 183 certified teachers at \$2,500 each and \$50,000 is allocated to the National Board Certification Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships for the first 20 teachers accepted into the national teacher board certification program. The salary supplement amount increases to \$2,750 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$3,000 in fiscal year 2014-15. Beginning in fiscal year 2012-14, the amount allocated to the Scholarship Fund increases to \$75,000 per year and the number of teachers who can receive scholarship funds increases to a maximum of 30 teachers.

This legislation provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2012-13, certified teachers from publicly supported secondary schools are also eligible to receive the salary supplement, along with public school teachers. This fiscal note assumes an increase of approximately 25 certified teachers from the fiscal year 2011-12 level of 158, to reflect both those certified teachers from publicly supported secondary schools becoming eligible for the salary supplement and an increase in the number of public school teachers who have become certified. The fiscal note also assumes that the number of additional teachers who will qualify for the salary supplement will increase by 15 per year beginning in fiscal year 2013-14.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1798

LR 2697(06)

An Act To Reform Land Use Planning in the Unorganized Territory

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-918)

H "A" (H-926) to C "A" (H-918)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation transfers review and permitting authority for certain projects from the Department of Conservation, Land Use Regulation Commission to the Department of Environmental Protection, Land and Water Quality program but does not transfer the resources related to the functions. Any impact on other programs and services in the Department of Environmental Protection from taking on the additional duties cannot be determined at this time.

Additional costs to the Department of Conservation associated with initiating prospective zoning in unorganized and deorganized areas, establishing a process by which an applicant can request a public preapplication meeting and preparing an annual performance report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1809

LR 2740(03)

An Act To Apply the Sales Tax on Camper Trailers and Motor Homes Purchased for Rental in the Same Manner as on Automobiles Purchased for Rental

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-795)
Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$55,465	\$111,824	\$100,641
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$55,465)	(\$111,824)	(\$100,641)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$2,919)	(\$5,885)	(\$5,297)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill provides that camper trailers and motor homes purchased for rental after October 1, 2012 will not be subject to sales tax at the time of purchase. Instead, the rental of such a vehicle shall be considered to be a taxable service. These changes will reduce General Fund receipts by \$55,465 in FY 2012-13 and will reduce revenue sharing by \$2,919 in that year. General Fund revenue reductions will increase to an estimated \$111,824 in FY 2013-14, but losses will begin diminishing in FY 2014-15 as more rentals become subject to sales tax.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1810

LR 2684(03)

An Act To Provide Ongoing Review of the Effectiveness and Fairness of Land Use Laws and Rules

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Potential current biennium cost increase - Highway Fund

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$103,972	\$541,739	\$531,807
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$103,972	\$541,739	\$531,807

Legislative Cost/Study

The estimated cost for 2 interim meetings of this committee is projected to be \$5,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 2012-13. If additional meetings are held the estimated cost for each additional meeting is \$2,500. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 for legislative studies. Whether this amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$20,693 in fiscal year 2012-13 to increase a part-time Legislative Analyst position to full-time effective January 1, 2013 in order to provide the required staffing to the new legislative committee. The General Fund costs for the position change increase to \$43,474 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$45,632 in fiscal year 2014-15.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation creates a process for landowner relief related to regulatory takings. Depending upon the number or extent of any lawsuits filed, both General Fund and Highway Fund costs could be increased as a result of any payments to landowners. State agencies may also experience increased appraisal and witness costs. The amounts, by agency and fiscal year, cannot be estimated at this time.

This bill also includes a General Fund appropriation of \$83,279 in fiscal year 2012-13 for the Department of the Attorney General to support the additional workload that results from regulatory takings. The Department of the Attorney General has identified the need for one part-time Assistant Attorney General position and one part-time Research Assistant position beginning in fiscal year 2013-14. The Judicial Department has also identified the need for additional staff beginning in fiscal year 2013-14; one Judge position, one Deputy Marshal position and one Law Clerk position. The Judicial Department will also require additional General Fund appropriations beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 for additional jury trial costs. The Judicial Department may experience an increase in Other Special Revenue Funds collections from an administrative fee that has yet to be determined.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1826

LR 2763(04)

An Act To Revise the Income Tax Return Checkoffs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-880)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$525	(\$25)	(\$25)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$10,500	(\$500)	(\$500)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$10,000	\$13,000	\$16,000
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$9,975	(\$475)	(\$475)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$10,525	\$12,975	\$15,975

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill eliminates the voluntary contributions checkoff for political parties from the Maine income tax form for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012. It establishes an income tax checkoff to support free public libraries in the State. No checkoff will be included on the return unless the total contributions to the organization or fund to which the contributions are credited are at least \$10,000 in tax years beginning on or after 2012. The contributions threshold will increase by \$3,000 each year until total required contributions for each organization or fund reaches \$25,000. No designation will be provided to make a contribution of less than \$5. The State Tax Assessor will annually determine the cost of administering the checkoff for each organization or fund and deduct that amount before any funds are transferred. Creating a minimum threshold for total annual voluntary contributions to each organization or fund and eliminating the maximum amount that Maine Revenue Services can deduct for administration could reduce revenue to the various funds included on the checkoff beginning in fiscal year 2013-14.

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$10,500 to Maine Revenue Services in fiscal year 2012-13 for programming costs related to adding the new library checkoff and making other changes. It also includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 to the Maine Public Library Fund established within the Maine State Library to receive funds from voluntary income tax checkoff contributions to support free public libraries in the State.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1828

LR 2761(03)

An Act To Protect Public Safety in the Operation of Casinos

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-431)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$155,918	\$796,231	\$819,924	\$844,348
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$155,918	\$796,231	\$819,924	\$844,348

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$155,918 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$796,231 in fiscal year 2012-13 to the Department of Public Safety for one State Police Detective, one Office Assistant II position, one Auditor II position, 6 Public Safety Inspector I positions and one Public Safety Inspector III position, overtime for all inspector positions and funding for licensing and monitoring for the Gambling Control Board to regulate the Oxford casino and Bangor table games.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1830

LR 2736(08)

An Act To Establish the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-876)
H "C" (H-910) to C "A" (H-876)
Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$139,980)	(\$144,291)	(\$148,736)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$139,980)	(\$144,291)	(\$148,736)

Legislative Cost/Study

The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$9,750 in fiscal year 2012-13 based on 6 authorized interim meetings for the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 for legislative studies. Whether this amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation establishes the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. It includes a General Fund deappropriation to the Department of Conservation of \$139,980 in fiscal year 2012-13 for the elimination of one Commissioner of Conservation position.

If a bill that consolidates the relevant portions of the Maine Revised Statutes is not enacted into law by the date on which the 127th Legislature convenes, the statute that establishes the consolidated department is repealed.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1839

LR 2731(03)

An Act To Define Cost Responsibility for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Students Receiving Services from the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-497)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation may increase the total cost of Essential Programs and Services and the State's share of that cost beginning in fiscal year 2013-14. The General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education may require additional General Fund appropriations beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 for the additional cost to the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf (MECDHH/GBSD) to provide transportation services for students enrolled at the center school effective July 1, 2013. This transportation service is currently provided by the local school administrative unit in which the student resides. The additional cost to the MECDHH/GBSD to provide transportation services can not be determined at this time. However, because state funding for both MECDHH/GBSD and local school administrative units is provided within the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program account, the General Fund appropriation needed to support the additional cost to the MECDHH/GBSD may be partially offset by a reduction in state subsidy to those local school units who will no longer provide transportation services for students enrolled at the center school.

Additional costs to the Department of Education and the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to provide the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1840

LR 2680(04)

An Act To Limit MaineCare Reimbursement for Methadone Treatment

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-912)
Committee: Health and Human Services**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$1,364,117)	(\$2,728,232)	(\$2,728,232)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$1,364,117)	(\$2,728,232)	(\$2,728,232)
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	(\$2,297,941)	(\$4,595,882)	(\$4,595,882)
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	(\$2,297,941)	(\$4,595,882)	(\$4,595,882)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The General Fund savings associated with limiting MaineCare reimbursement for methadone for the treatment of addiction to opioids to a lifetime maximum of 24 months with prior authorization beyond 24 months is estimated to be \$1,364,117 in fiscal year 2012-13. The Federal Expenditures Fund share of the savings is estimated to be \$2,297,941 in fiscal year 2012-13.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1865

LR 2776(10)

An Act To Enhance Career and Technical Education

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-518)

H "A" (H-896) to C "A" (S-518)

S "A" (S-530)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Reduces from 9 to 5 the allowable number of instructional days that school calendars of school administrative units (SAU's) affiliated with a career and technical education center or within a career and technical education region are not aligned with the regional school calendar effective with the 2013-2014 school year.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

Moderate 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

Providing exceptions to, or waivers for, the requirement that there not be more than 5 instructional days that school calendars of SAU's affiliated with a career technical education center or within a career and technical education region are not aligned with the regional school calendar may result in a minor reduction in the state mandated costs.

Additional costs to the Maine Community College System to establish the required process can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Additional costs to the University of Maine System and the Maine Maritime Academy to establish the required process through a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Education can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1871

LR 2815(03)

Resolve, Creating an Honorable Service Plaque To Honor Maine Veterans

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-853)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$13,000	\$0	\$0
Transfers				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$13,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation transfers \$13,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 from the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management General Fund account to the Legislature Other Special Revenue Funds account for a plaque honoring veterans. The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Legislature of \$13,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 for this purpose.

Additional costs to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management associated with accepting sources of funding for the plaque and reporting the proposed design and location of the plaque can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1873

LR 2849(02)

An Act To Direct the Commissioner of Education To Adopt a Model Policy Regarding Management of Head Injuries in School Activities and Athletics

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
No Amendments
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires all public schools and those private schools enrolling more than 60% of their students at public expense to adopt and implement a policy on management of concussive and other head injuries in school activities, athletic practices and games that is consistent with the model policy proposed by the Commissioner of Education beginning January 1, 2013.	School	Moderate 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

To the extent that the requirements included in this bill are already in place, the impact of this legislation on school administrative units is not expected to be significant. The impact to those school administrative units that have not put the requirements of this legislation into place may be more tangible but are still not expected to be significant.

Additional costs to the Department of Education to work with stakeholders and interested parties to develop the required model policy can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1884

LR 2738(02)

An Act To Revise the Laws Regarding the Fund for a Healthy Maine

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
No Amendments
Committee: Not Referred**

Fiscal Note

Future Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$131,028	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$131,028	\$0	\$0

Legislative Cost/Study

The bill creates a study commission that convenes every 4 years. The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$6,960 every 4 years based on current per diem and average expenses for legislative members. The first year in which these costs would be incurred by the Legislature is fiscal year 2015-16.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$131,028 in fiscal year 2012-13 for the computer programming costs associated with establishing the Fund for a Healthy Maine as a separate fund. Additional costs to the Department of Education and to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide the necessary data and information to the commission and prepare the required annual report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1885

LR 2792(10)

An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Maine Economic Improvement Fund

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-893)

S "A" (S-548) to C "A" (H-893)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

Potential Impact on Grant Funding - University of Maine System

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring the University of Maine System to reallocate a percentage of the annual General Fund appropriation it receives for research and development (R&D) from existing programs at the University of Maine and the University of Southern Maine to support R&D efforts at its other campuses may impact the amount of grant funds that it is able to leverage. The University of Maine System reports a leverage rate of 4.5 to 1 for its existing programs. The total impact will depend on the actual leverage rate achieved at the other University of Maine campuses for the R&D funding.

Additional costs to the University of Maine System to provide staff support to the Maine Economic Improvement Fund Task Force and to provide additional information in their annual report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Additional costs to Maine Maritime Academy to serve on the task force can also be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

**125th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1887****LR 2805(03)****An Act To Restructure the Department of Health and Human Services****Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:****C "A" (S-533)****Committee: Health and Human Services****Fiscal Note**

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$124,248)	(\$391,272)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$140,259)	(\$399,507)	(\$666,531)
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	(\$18,765,881)	(\$18,806,946)	(\$18,849,244)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$1,589,741	\$1,839,983	\$2,118,333
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$0	(\$93,271)	(\$97,318)	(\$101,487)
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$140,259)	(\$275,259)	(\$275,259)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The fiscal note reflects the net impact of changes to Department of Health and Human Services' appropriations, allocations, and positions included in the amended version of the bill. In total, fiscal year 2012-13 Department of Health and Human Services' General Fund appropriations will decrease by \$140,259 and fiscal year 2012-13 General Fund undedicated revenue will decrease by \$140,259, reflecting the loss of federal matching funds from the elimination of the Office of Advocacy in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Position Impact Summary	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
General Fund	0.000	-4.500	-4.500	-4.500
Other Special Revenue Funds	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Fed. Expenditure Fund	0.000	-19.000	-19.000	-19.000
Fed. Block Grant Fund	0.000	7.000	7.000	7.000
Total Position Changes	0.000	-16.500	-16.500	-16.500



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1888

LR 2801(04)

An Act To Strengthen the State's Ability To Investigate and Prosecute Misuse of Public Benefits

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-542)
Committee: Health and Human Services**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$332,654	\$342,045	\$351,717
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$332,654	\$342,045	\$351,717
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$341,848	\$351,239	\$360,911

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class D crimes.

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

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides a General Fund appropriation of \$332,654 and an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$341,848 in 2012-13 for 8 Fraud Investigator positions and 2 Office Associate positions and related costs for the Office of Family Independence in the Department of Health and Human Services to strengthen the department's ability to investigate and prosecute the misuse of public benefits. The additional costs to the Department of the Attorney General can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1904

LR 2863(05)

An Act To Create the Leased Space Reserve Fund and To Amend the Law Regarding the Issuance of Securities under the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority and To Provide for the Transfer of Certain Land

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-527)

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Potential current biennium revenue increase - General Fund
Potential current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Authorizing the use of existing authority to issue securities under the Maine Government Facilities Authority will increase General Fund debt service costs, including debt service on the Sewall Street properties. The amount can not be determined at this time and will depend on the amount and timing of the issuance. This bill includes a \$500 Other Special Revenue Funds allocation in fiscal year 2012-13 to establish the Leased Space Reserve Fund Program within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to be supported by one half of the identified leased space savings. This bill may also increase General Fund resources since the other half of identified savings must be transferred to unappropriated surplus. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services may also experience an increase in Other Special Revenue Funds if the Bangor property is sold to Bangor Hydro Electric Company. The amount cannot be estimated at this time.

**125th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1905****LR 2865(14)****An Act To Revise the Target Prices for the Dairy Stabilization Program****Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:****S "A" (S-535)****S "B" (S-546)****Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry****Fiscal Note**

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$4,813,745	\$3,787,160	\$3,787,160
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$5,643,745	\$3,787,160	\$3,787,160
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$4,813,745)	(\$3,787,160)	(\$3,787,160)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$4,813,745	\$3,787,160	\$3,787,160
Transfers				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill as amended updates target prices for each tier used to make payouts through the Dairy Stabilization Program. It also transfers \$830,000 from various Other Special Revenue Funds accounts to the Maine Milk Pool Other Special Revenue Funds account which would decrease the General Fund transfer for dairy stabilization payments by that amount in fiscal year 2012-13. It would result in a decrease in General Fund revenue of \$4,813,745 in fiscal year 2012-13 and a corresponding increase in Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$5,643,745 in fiscal year 2012-13 in order to make increased payouts through the program.