



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 5

LR 242(03)

## An Act To Make Changes to the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-198)**

**Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$165,491)	(\$168,103)	(\$170,896)	(\$173,773)
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$165,491)	(\$168,103)	(\$168,103)	(\$168,103)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation transfers governance of the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Maine Potato Board. As a result, the bill includes a deallocation of \$165,491 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$168,103 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the department related to Personal Services and All Other costs for one Potato Storage Consultant position. Since the bill transfers this position's responsibilities but not the actual position to the Maine Potato Board, this analysis assumes the position would be eliminated. Additionally, the department receives reimbursement from the Finance Authority of Maine for the costs of this position. This revenue, \$165,491 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$168,103 in fiscal year 2014-15, would be eliminated in the bill.

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



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 20

LR 100(03)

## An Act To Fully Fund the Homemaker Services Program

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**No Amendments**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

### Fiscal Note

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill provides an appropriation of \$1.5 million in each of fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for the independent support services (homemaker services) program in the Department of Health and Human Services. This appropriation would allow an estimated 800 to 1,000 additional individuals to be served under the program each year.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 25**

**LR 273(05)**

## An Act To Exclude Certain State-funded Costs from the State Share of the Total Cost of Funding Public Education

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "B" (H-506)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

### Fiscal Note

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$141,300,000	\$139,000,000	\$139,000,000	\$139,000,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$141,300,000	\$139,000,000	\$139,000,000	\$139,000,000

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$141,300,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$139,000,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2014-15 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education to increase the State's contribution toward funding the total cost of public education from kindergarten to grade 12, including the cost of the components of essential programs and services from 47.3% in fiscal year 2013-14, as proposed in LD 1509, the 2014-2015 biennial budget, as amended, to 55% when the state's contributions toward retired teachers' health insurance and retired teachers' group life insurance are factored in.

	<b>LD 1509, as amended, FY 2013-14</b>	<b>LD 25 FY 2013-14 (with health ins and group life)</b>	<b>LD 1509, as amended, FY 2014-15</b>	<b>LD 25 FY 2014-15</b>
Total Cost of Funding Public Education	\$ 1,992,465,618	\$ 2,019,905,618	\$ 1,992,083,006	\$ 2,021,743,006
State Contribution	\$ 942,295,406	\$ 1,083,595,406	\$ 943,236,080	\$ 1,082,286,080
Retired Teachers' Health Insurance		\$ 24,000,000		\$ 26,000,000
Retired Teachers' Group Life Ins.		\$ 3,440,000		\$ 3,660,000
State share percentage	47.3%	55.0%	47.3%	55.0%
Additional GF appropriation needed:		\$ 141,300,000		\$ 139,050,000



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 27

LR 726(03)

## An Act To Enable the Town of Livermore Falls To Withdraw from Androscoggin County and Join Franklin County

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-503)**

**Committee: State and Local Government**

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

**Required Activity**

Hold a referendum vote in Livermore Falls and potentially subsequent referendum votes in Franklin and Androscoggin counties.

**Unit Affected**

Municipality  
County

**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.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 29

LR 267(03)

## An Act To Provide Support Services to Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**No Amendments**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

### Fiscal Note

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$1,617,801	\$1,600,780	\$1,600,780	\$1,600,780

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides General Fund appropriations of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and fiscal year 2014-15 for the Department of Health and Human Services to serve individuals on the waiting list for services under the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 29, Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder. It also provides corresponding Federal Expenditures Fund allocations of \$1,617,801 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$1,600,780 in fiscal year 2014-15.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 30

LR 270(03)

## An Act To Provide Home and Community Services for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**No Amendments**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$1,617,801	\$1,600,780	\$1,600,780	\$1,600,780

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides General Fund appropriations of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and fiscal year 2014-15 for the Department of Health and Human Services to serve individuals on the waiting list for services under the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 21, Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder. It also provides corresponding Federal Expenditures Fund allocations of \$1,617,801 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$1,600,780 in fiscal year 2014-15.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 59

LR 815(03)

## An Act Relating to the Unlawful Cutting of Trees

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-175)**

**Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$3,700	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$3,700	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$3,700 in fiscal year 2013-14 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for rulemaking costs, including printing, advertising and room rental.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 61

LR 704(03)

## An Act To Amend Standards for Participation in Certain Public School Services by Students Who Are Homeschooled

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-30)**

**Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

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### Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing eligible students receiving homeschool instruction to receive state tuition subsidy for certain postsecondary courses may increase the total state and local cost of K-12 public education beginning in fiscal year 2013-14. The amount can not be determined at this time and will depend on the number of homeschooled students that will want to take postsecondary courses.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 62

LR 219(03)

## Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Adult Day Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-372)

Committee: Health and Human Services

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$131,274	\$175,032	\$175,032	\$175,032
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$131,274	\$175,032	\$175,032	\$175,032
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$56,331	\$75,109	\$75,109	\$75,109

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides appropriations of \$131,274 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$175,032 in fiscal year 2014-15 for three programs in the Department of Health and Human Services for the costs of increasing the reimbursement rate for adult day services to \$12 an hour beginning October 1, 2013.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 87

LR 689(03)

## An Act To Improve Community Mental Health Treatment

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (S-33)  
Committee: Health and Human Services**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$5,659,250	\$5,659,250	\$5,659,250	\$5,659,250
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$5,659,250	\$5,659,250	\$5,659,250	\$5,659,250

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$5,659,250 in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for the Department of Health and Human Services. This amount is the amount requested by the department to provide mental health services to conform with the consent decree and incorporated settlement agreement in the case of Paul Bates, et al. v. Robert Glover, et al., Kennebec County Superior Court, Civil Action Docket No. CV-89-88. The Governor's proposed budget for the 2014-2015 biennium includes a \$2,000,000 General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2013-14 to conform with the consent decree and settlement agreement. The estimate of fiscal impact for this bill may need to be revised based on final legislative action on the 2014-2015 budget.

**126th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 90****LR 1092(05)****An Act To Strengthen Maine's Workforce and Economic Future****Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:****C "A" (S-71)****S "A" (S-83) to C "A" (S-71)****Committee: Maine's Workforce and Economic Future****Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$2,250,000	\$2,765,000	\$2,190,000	\$2,190,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$2,250,000	\$2,765,000	\$2,190,000	\$2,190,000

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$2,765,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 as shown in the table below.

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Department of Education</b>				
> Coordinator position for Welcome Center for foreign-trained workers within Portland Adult Education program.	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Maine Community College System</b>				
> Bring College to ME Program	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000
> Reduce student backlog for 14 programs that result in high wage employment opportunities.	\$ 1,180,000	\$ 1,180,000	\$ 1,180,000	\$ 1,180,000
<b>Department of Labor</b>				
> Maine Apprenticeship Program	\$ 575,000	\$ 590,000	\$ 590,000	\$ 590,000
> State Workforce Investment Board	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
<b>University of Maine System</b>				
> Provides match to \$500,000 in private funding from the UMS for scholarship program to assist certain adults with completing degree program.	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,250,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,765,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,190,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,190,000</b>

Additional costs to Maine Maritime Academy, the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System, Jobs for Maine's Graduates, Inc., the Department of Education, the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation associated with implementing the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 92

LR 616(03)

## An Act Relating to Private School Student Participation in Public School Cocurricular, Interscholastic and Extracurricular Activities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-53)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

### Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

<b>Required Activity</b>	<b>Unit Affected</b>	<b>Local Cost</b>
Limits the ability of a public school principal or principal's designee to deny students enrolled in certain equivalent instruction programs from participating in its cocurricular, extracurricular and interscholastic activities.	School	Insignificant statewide
Requires principal to provide written explanation to student or student's parent/guardian if approval is withheld.	School	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.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 126

LR 255(05)

## An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption to Incorporated Nonprofit Performing Arts Organizations

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

CC "A" (S-63)

Committee: Taxation

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$61,560	\$85,609	\$22,353	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$61,560)	(\$85,609)	(\$22,353)	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$3,240)	(\$4,506)	(\$1,176)	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill exempts incorporated nonprofit performing arts organizations from the sales tax for two years effective October 1, 2013. The exemption is repealed on October 1, 2015. The bill reduces General Fund revenue by \$61,560 in FY 2013-14 and by \$85,609 in FY 2014-15 and Municipal Revenue Sharing revenue by \$3,240 in FY 2013-14 and by \$4,506 in FY 2014-15. Any additional costs associated with administering this exemption can be absorbed by Maine Revenue Services within existing budgeted resources.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 136

LR 474(03)

## An Act To Connect Benefits Provided under the Circuitbreaker Program with the Payment of Property Taxes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-82)

Committee: Taxation

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$78,733	\$74,019	\$77,252	\$80,646
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$78,733	\$74,019	\$77,252	\$80,646

#### State Mandates

##### Required Activity

Municipalities will incur administrative costs to track and process checks to circuitbreaker claimants who owe outstanding property taxes and who receive more in a circuitbreaker benefit than what is owed.

##### Unit Affected

Municipality

##### Local Cost

Insignificant 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

The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$78,733 in FY 14 and \$74,019 in FY 15 to Maine Revenue Services for the programmatic change to the Circuitbreaker program. Costs include one Tax Examiner position to process the identified applications, computer programming activities to update application forms and related office, postage and printing expenses.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 156**

**LR 132(03)**

## **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Concerning Early Voting and Voting by Absentee Ballot**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-127)**

**Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs**

### **Fiscal Note**

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

<b>Referendum Costs</b>	<b>Month/Year</b>	<b>Election Type</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Length</b>
	Nov-13	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 172

LR 845(03)

## An Act To Make Permanent the Reciprocal Agreement between Maine and Other States Regarding a Snowmobile Weekend

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-61)**

**Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

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### Fiscal Note

Current biennium revenue decrease - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill allows a nonresident to snowmobile in Maine during one 3-consecutive-day period annually without being registered under certain circumstances. This provision could result in a reduction in General Fund revenue which cannot be estimated at this time.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 180

LR 318(03)

**An Act Concerning the Use of Tobacco Settlement Funds for Children's Health Care**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-10)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

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## Fiscal Note

Potential Budget Conflict - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill could affect budget proposals included in the Governor's Proposed 2014-2015 Biennial Budget.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 182

LR 292(03)

## An Act To Support the Maine Lobster Industry

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-29)**

**Committee: Marine Resources**

### Fiscal Note

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Lobster Promotion Council in fiscal year 2013-14 to promote and market Maine lobsters.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 200

LR 745(05)

## An Act To Expand Wild Turkey Hunting Opportunities

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-542)  
H "A" (H-547) to C "A" (H-542)  
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$98,895	\$98,895
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$86,757)	(\$98,895)	(\$98,895)	(\$98,895)
<b>Transfers</b>				
General Fund	\$86,757	\$98,895	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation allows the taking of a second male turkey in the spring at zero cost, reduces the nonresident combined fall and spring turkey permit from \$54 to \$20 and reduces turkey tagging fees from \$5 to \$2. The changes to the wild turkey hunting permit fees are effective January 1, 2014. These changes will reduce General Fund revenue by \$86,757 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$98,895 in fiscal year 2014-15. The legislation also contains a provision to transfer funds from the department's carrying account to cover the loss in revenue for fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 230

LR 332(03)

## An Act To Establish the Commission on Health Care Cost and Quality

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-76)  
Committee: Health and Human Services**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$45,128	\$45,822	\$43,322	\$42,572
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$45,128	\$45,822	\$43,322	\$42,572
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$10,250 annually in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 to the Legislature for the per diem and expenses of members of the Commission on Health Care Cost and Quality and miscellaneous expenses of the commission. It also includes General Fund appropriations of \$34,878 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$35,572 in fiscal year 2014-15 for contracted staffing and clerical support to the commission.

If outside funding is made available for commission activities, then the General Fund cost of the commission may be reduced. Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$500 annually in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 are included to authorize expenditures of any dedicated funds received for this purpose.

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Humans Services for cooperation and coordination with the commission are assumed to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. The amount of additional funding that would be available and provided from the federal State Innovation Model grant for coordination with the department cannot be determined at this time.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 234

LR 138(03)

## An Act To Provide Tax Treatment Consistency for Limited Liability Companies and S Corporations

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-11)

Committee: Taxation

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$494,950	\$2,002,200	\$2,051,050	\$2,112,800
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$11,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$494,950)	(\$1,991,200)	(\$2,051,050)	(\$2,112,800)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$26,050)	(\$104,800)	(\$107,950)	(\$111,200)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

General Fund revenue and Municipal Revenue Sharing are reduced by an income tax credit provided to members of certain pass-through entities on taxes imposed on the members' shares of the pass-through entities' income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014. This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Bureau of Revenue Services to pay for computer programming costs associated with the income modification.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 235

LR 15(04)

## An Act To Improve Insurance Coverage for First Responders

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-76)**

**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

### Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

<b>Required Activity</b>	<b>Unit Affected</b>	<b>Local Cost</b>
Shifting the burden of proof from a firefighter or emergency medical services person to the municipality that an injury sustained by the claimant after receiving notification of a fire or emergency did not arise out of and in the course of employment may represent a modification or expansion of a municipal activity.	Municipality	Significant 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 legislation will increase costs to local governments in the form of both higher premiums for workers' compensation insurance and increased legal costs. The impact to individual municipalities will depend on actual experience.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 236

LR 19(12)

## An Act To Protect the Privacy of Citizens from Domestic Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Use

### Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "B" (S-282)

S "A" (S-285) to C "B" (S-282)

H "B" (H-563) to C "B" (S-282)

Committee: Judiciary

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### Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases civil actions and caseloads.

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

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of the Attorney General has identified the need for a General Fund appropriation of \$47,210 in fiscal year 2014-15 for one half-time Assistant Attorney General position to address an anticipated increase in workload from additional warrants and court orders and potential costs to defend State agencies. No funding is provided in this bill. The actual increase in workload will depend on the use of unmanned aerial vehicles in the State and cannot be fully estimated at this time.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 260

LR 819(03)

## An Act To Extend Funding for the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-7)**

**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

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### Fiscal Note

Future biennium revenue decrease - General Fund

#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Extending the statutory sunset of transfers to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund from tax year beginning on or after July 1, 2016 to tax year beginning on or after July 1, 2026 will require Maine Revenue Services to continue to transfer approximately \$900,000 to \$1,000,000 annually during that time period. This will result in a reduction in General Fund revenue of that amount annually with the last transfer occurring in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 274

LR 1259(03)

## An Act To Preserve and Protect Ancient Burial Grounds and Burial Grounds in Which Veterans Are Buried

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (S-248)  
Committee: State and Local Government**

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

**Required Activity**

Municipalities will be required to keep public burying grounds for all veterans in good condition and repair including keeping inscriptions visible and legible, keeping the headstones horizontally and vertically aligned and brush and vine clearing.

**Unit Affected**

Municipality

**Local Cost**

Significant 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.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 276

LR 1071(03)

## Resolve, To Improve Access to Oral Health Care for MaineCare Recipients

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (S-197)  
Committee: Health and Human Services**

### Fiscal Note

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$2,261,341	\$4,552,877	\$4,552,877	\$4,552,877
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$3,659,175	\$7,288,156	\$7,288,156	\$7,288,156
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$2,261,341	\$4,552,877	\$4,552,877	\$4,552,877

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides a Fund for a Healthy Maine allocation of \$2,261,341 in 2013-14 and \$4,552,877 in 2014-15 for the State share of the costs of increasing MaineCare dental reimbursement rates for 20 preventative diagnostic and restorative dental procedures to the 10th percentile. Also provides Federal Expenditures Fund allocations for Federal Medicaid matching funds.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 279

LR 490(03)

## An Act To Sustain Maine's Aviation Industry by Extending the Exemption from Sales and Use Tax for Aircraft and Parts

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-55)

Committee: Taxation

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$643,150	\$668,800
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$643,150)	(\$668,800)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	(\$33,850)	(\$35,200)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Extending the sales and use tax exemption on aircraft and aircraft parts to June 30, 2033 from June 30, 2015 is projected to reduce General Fund revenue by \$643,150 in FY 2015-16 and \$668,800 in FY 2016-17 and Municipal Revenue Sharing by \$33,850 in FY 2015-16 and by \$35,200 in FY 2016-17.

**126th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 368****LR 1540(03)****An Act To Ensure the Continuation of Dairy Farming****Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:****C "A" (S-170)****Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry****Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$1,251,442	\$2,453,222	\$2,455,878	\$2,458,560
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,251,442	\$2,453,222	\$2,455,878	\$2,458,560
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$1,251,442)	(\$2,453,222)	(\$2,455,878)	(\$2,458,560)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,251,442	\$2,453,222	\$2,455,878	\$2,458,560

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This legislation makes changes to the calculation of base price in calculating payments made through the dairy stabilization program. It also eliminates the distribution of 1/2% of net slot machine income from the Oxford Casino to the dairy stabilization program and increases the distribution to the Dairy Improvement Fund within the Finance Authority of Maine from 1/2% to 1%. The result of these changes is an additional transfer from the General Fund to the dairy stabilization program of \$1,251,442 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$2,453,222 in fiscal year 2014-15. The bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$988,527 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$2,187,678 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations to the Finance Authority of Maine of \$262,915 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$265,544 in fiscal year 2014-15.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 377

LR 1545(03)

## An Act To Provide Funding to Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-21)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 for soil and water conservation districts.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 386

LR 783(03)

## An Act To Reduce Tobacco-related Illness and Lower Health Care Costs in MaineCare

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-247)  
Committee: Health and Human Services**

### Fiscal Note

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$414,014	\$414,014	\$414,014	\$414,014
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$669,934	\$662,754	\$662,745	\$662,745
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$414,014	\$414,014	\$414,014	\$414,014

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill provides a Fund for a Healthy Maine allocation of \$414,014 in FY 2013-14 and in FY 2014-15 for the state share of reimbursement for smoking cessation products under the MaineCare program. The bill also provides a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation for federal Medicaid matching funds. The bill and Fiscal Note are not consistent with the new Fund for a Healthy Maine fund structure proposed in the Governor's 2014 -2105 Biennial Budget (LD 1509) and may require some modification upon enactment of the 2014-2015 Biennial Budget.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 390

LR 1258(03)

## An Act To Restore MaineCare Coverage for Ambulatory Surgical Center Services

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-215)  
Committee: Health and Human Services**

### Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium savings - General Fund

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$93,274	\$93,274	\$93,274	\$93,274
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$148,619	\$148,619	\$148,916	\$148,619
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$93,274	\$93,274	\$93,274	\$93,274

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill provides a Fund for a Health Maine allocation of \$93,274 in FY 2013-14 and in FY 2014-15 for the State share of the costs to restore MaineCare coverage for ambulatory surgical center services. These allocations are consistent with the General Fund deappropriations included in PL 2011, c. 657 that eliminated MaineCare coverage for ambulatory surgical center services. Restoring coverage for ambulatory surgical center services may result in savings to the MaineCare program to the extent that services currently being provided in higher cost hospital settings are provided at a lower cost in ambulatory surgical centers. The extent of these savings cannot be determined at this time.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 396

LR 1342(03)

## An Act To Appropriate Sufficient Funds for Indigent Legal Services

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-123)**

**Committee: Judiciary**

### Fiscal Note

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$2,326,806	\$2,398,095	\$2,398,095	\$2,398,095
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$2,326,806	\$2,398,095	\$2,398,095	\$2,398,095

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$2,326,806 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$2,398,095 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services to increase the reimbursement rate to \$60 per hour beginning July 1, 2013 and \$65 per hour beginning July 1, 2014. The Governor's proposed budget for 2014-2015 includes funding to increase the rate to \$55 per hour effective July 1, 2014. This estimate of fiscal impact may need to be revisited based on final legislative action on the budget.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 401

LR 1095(03)

## An Act To Provide Local Sales Tax Increment Disbursements

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-166)

Committee: Taxation

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$54,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,757,264
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$54,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,757,264)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$96,172)

### State Mandates

#### Required Activity

Municipalities will be required to reduce the property tax levy in an amount equal to the payments received from the local sales tax increment revenue. Administrative duties would include accounting for the new revenue source and calculating the reduction to the mill rate that would represent that amount of revenue each year.

#### Unit Affected

Municipality

#### 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

This bill will reduce General Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds revenue annually beginning in FY 2016-17. The General Fund revenue reduction in FY 2016-17 will be \$1,757,264. Municipal Revenue Sharing will be reduced by \$92,672 and the transfer to the Multimodal Transportation Fund will be reduced by \$3,500 in FY 2016-17.

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation for the Bureau of Revenue Services of \$54,000 in FY 2013-14 to pay for reporting changes, printing and postage costs related to administering the local sales tax increment disbursement program.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 415

LR 181(03)

## An Act To Require a Warrant To Obtain the Location Information of a Cell Phone or Other Electronic Device

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-106)

Committee: Judiciary

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$100,343	\$133,919	\$137,785	\$141,767
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$100,343	\$133,919	\$137,785	\$141,767

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$100,343 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$133,919 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Department of the Attorney General for 2 Research Assistant positions to manage the notification provisions of this bill.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 436

LR 609(03)

## An Act To Raise the Maximum 529 Plan Contribution Tax Deduction

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-10)**

**Committee: Taxation**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$277,400	\$233,700	\$245,100	\$257,450
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$277,400)	(\$233,700)	(\$245,100)	(\$257,450)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$14,600)	(\$12,300)	(\$12,900)	(\$13,550)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill reduces General Fund revenue and Municipal Revenue Sharing due to increasing the maximum deduction to \$500 per designated beneficiary for contributions made to a qualified tuition program established under Section 529 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 440

LR 313(03)

## An Act To Create a Tax Credit for Primary Care Professionals Practicing in Underserved Areas

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-24)**

**Committee: Taxation**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$22,230	\$64,410	\$118,560	\$186,960
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$22,230)	(\$64,410)	(\$118,560)	(\$186,960)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$1,170)	(\$3,390)	(\$6,240)	(\$9,840)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

By creating a Primary Care Access Credit for 5 certified primary care professionals practicing in underserved areas, General Fund revenue is reduced by \$22,230 in FY 2013-14 and \$64,410 in FY 2014-15 and Municipal Revenue Sharing decreases by \$1,170 in FY 2013-14 and \$3,390 in FY 2014-15.

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 443

LR 1475(05)

## An Act To Amend the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 To Provide Benefits to Seriously Injured Workers

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

C "A" (S-250)

S "A" (S-265) to C "A" (S-250)

**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

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### Fiscal Note

Undetermined current biennium cost increase - All funds

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The provisions of this legislation, including the elimination of certain eligibility requirements for long-term partial incapacity benefits for injuries sustained on or after January 1, 2013 and the creation of a rebuttable presumption that an injured worker with partial incapacity is eligible for 100% partial incapacity benefits if the injured worker has performed a work search that meets the requirements established by the Department of Labor to qualify for unemployment benefits, will increase workers' compensation costs for insured employers in the State. Estimates provided by the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI) indicate the potential increase in premiums for insured employers to be between \$10 million and \$41 million.

Estimates indicate the cost to all self-insured employers in Maine could range between \$6.4 million and \$27.2 million. Based on cost analysis performed by NCCI applied to the State's cost history, this bill will likely increase the cost to the State's self-insured program for State employees by between \$459,000 and \$1,930,000 annually. Any such increased costs would be allocated across all State agencies and affect all payroll accounts.

**126th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 455****LR 1059(03)****An Act To Increase the State Earned Income Credit****Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:****C "A" (H-15)****Committee: Taxation****Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$16,245,641	\$17,115,508	\$16,991,137	\$17,368,482
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$121,291	\$147,558	\$151,437	\$155,432
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$16,124,350)	(\$16,967,950)	(\$16,839,700)	(\$17,213,050)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$848,650)	(\$893,050)	(\$886,300)	(\$905,950)

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

General Fund revenue and Municipal Revenue Sharing are reduced by increasing the state earned income credit from 5% to 10% of the federal earned income credit for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013. This bill includes an ongoing General Fund appropriation for two additional Tax Examiner positions beginning January 1, 2014 and related administrative support.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 464

LR 1633(03)

## An Act To Change Compensation for Career and Technical Education Region Cooperative Board Meeting Attendance

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-279)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Local School Administrative Units

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$2,640	\$2,640
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$2,640	\$2,640

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Increasing the compensation for a career and technical education region cooperative board member by up to \$10 for each meeting the member attends will increase the total State and local cost of K-12 public education and the State's share of that cost. The cost to local school administrative units, estimated to be \$4,800 per year, will begin in the 2013-14 school year. These costs will be included in the subsidy calculation for Career and Technical Education in fiscal year 2015-16 with the State's share estimated to be \$4,800 x 55% or \$2,640 based on current law.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 481

LR 406(04)

## An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Virtual Public Charter Schools

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-437)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

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### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Limiting the per-pupil allocation that follows a student to a virtual public charter school to 20% will not change the total cost of K-12 public education or the State's share of that cost.

The Department of Education and the Maine Charter School Commission may need to contract with an outside entity to conduct the required review in order to determine the appropriate amount of per-pupil allocation that should be provided for students enrolled in virtual charter schools. According to the Department of Education, outside resources may be needed because neither the department nor the commission has the capacity in staff resources or expertise to gather and analyze the data necessary to make the required recommendations. The cost to the department and its ability to absorb those costs without impacting other programs and services can not be determined at this time.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 487

LR 1566(04)

**Resolve, To Establish MaineCare Eligibility for Young Adults Who Were Formerly in Foster Care**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-99)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

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## Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Potential Budget Conflict

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Expanding MaineCare coverage to include young adults age 19 to 25 years of age who were in child welfare custody and eligible for MaineCare when they turned 19 is required under the federal Affordable Care Act effective January 1, 2014. This coverage is estimated to cost \$310,317 in fiscal year 2013-14 with a State share of \$119,317 and \$2,604,198 in fiscal year 2014-15 with a State share of \$1,001,314 . These estimates assume that 751 young adults will utilize services by fiscal year 2014-15 at an average annual cost of \$3,468 per person. The Department of Health and Human Services has included funding for this population in the Governor's Proposed 2014-2015 Biennial Budget (LR 1046).



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 488

LR 971(03)

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop a Process To Provide Additional Home-based and Community-based Services in the MaineCare Program**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-325)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

## Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium savings - General Fund

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$93,265	\$124,768	\$124,768	\$124,768
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$93,265	\$124,768	\$124,768	\$124,768
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$150,916	\$200,807	\$200,807	\$200,807

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides appropriations of \$93,265 in 2013-14 and \$124,768 in 2014-15 for the State costs of the MaineCare program to provide additional services for up to 25 participants per year whose costs exceed the home and community-based waiver program for the elderly and disabled annual cap on services in order to prevent the institutionalization of the participants. The fiscal impact of the potential reduction in higher cost institutionalizations cannot be determined at this time.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 499

LR 1451(03)

## An Act To Promote Dental Care for Low-income Populations

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-18)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$183,312	\$186,307	\$188,627	\$191,017
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$183,312	\$186,307	\$188,627	\$191,017
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$614,088	\$617,572	\$621,286	\$625,111

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides General Fund appropriations of \$183,312 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$186,307 in fiscal year 2014-15 and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$614,088 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$617,572 in fiscal year 2014-15 to fund the dental clinic operated by the Department of Health and Human Services. These amounts represent the amounts proposed for elimination in the Governor's biennial budget for 2014-2015. This estimate of fiscal impact may need to be revised based on final legislative actions on the budget and on the effective date of this legislation.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 525

LR 1183(03)

## An Act To Promote Industrial Hemp

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-406)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

### Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$23,453	\$20,953	\$20,953	\$20,953
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$23,453	\$20,953	\$20,953	\$20,953
<b>Transfers</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation repeals the provision of law that licensure of industrial hemp is contingent upon action by the Federal Government. The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$23,453 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$20,953 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for one one-quarter time Certified Seed Specialist position and related costs to conduct testing, inspection and monitoring. Fees will be assessed by the department to cover these costs, increasing Other Special Revenue Funds revenue by the amounts allocated.

Additionally, since the growing of industrial hemp is illegal under Federal law, it is possible that the State could incur legal fees if the law were challenged. If that were to happen, the department would require a General Fund appropriation to cover the costs of the Attorney General to defend this legislation.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 527

LR 1428(03)

## An Act To Protect Vulnerable Adults from Exploitation

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-189)**

**Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

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### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

#### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the class of a crime from a Class D crime to a Class C crime and a Class B crime.

Establishes new Class D crimes.

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

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Increasing the class of crime for misuse of entrusted property will likely result in an increase in the length of a sentence and potentially shift the cost from the county correctional system to the state. The changes in the bill in the consent provisions to include dementia and other cognitive impairments and the addition of undue influence may also result in additional convictions. The average cost per day per prisoner is \$111.34 in a state facility and \$118.04 in a county facility.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 538

LR 980(03)

## An Act To Align Costs Recognized for Transfer of Nursing Facilities and Residential Care Facilities with Ordinary Commercial and Government Contracting Standards

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-516)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

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### Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The costs to the Department of Health and Human Services from changing the rules for depreciation recapture upon the sale of nursing facilities and/or residential care facilities will depend on the timing and details of federal approval and on the timing and number of facility sales. The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 541

LR 277(03)

## An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Complimentary Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses for Disabled Veterans

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-74)  
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$25,610	\$34,146	\$34,146	\$34,146
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$25,610)	(\$34,146)	(\$34,146)	(\$34,146)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation proposes to change the threshold of disability at which a resident disabled veteran receives complimentary hunting, fishing and trapping licenses from 100% or 70% if the veteran served in a combat zone during an armed conflict to 50% or more for all resident disabled veterans. This change would result in a reduction in General Fund revenue of \$25,610 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$34,146 beginning in fiscal year 2014-15.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 549

LR 1529(03)

## An Act To Provide for Special Restrictions on Dissemination and Use of Criminal History Record Information for Class E Crimes Committed by an Adult under 21 Years of Age

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-544)

Committee: Judiciary

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$91,166	\$6,320	\$6,427	\$6,538
Highway Fund	\$73,500	\$2,450	\$2,450	\$2,450
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$91,166	\$6,320	\$6,427	\$6,538
Highway Fund	\$73,500	\$2,450	\$2,450	\$2,450

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$14,666 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$3,770 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Judicial Department for the temporary services of one Active Retired Judge and a Clerk position and one-time funding for the required computer programming costs.

The bill also includes a General Fund appropriation and Highway Fund allocation of \$76,500 and \$73,500, respectively, in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$2,550 and \$2,450, respectively, in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Department of Public Safety for programming costs to update criminal history records information.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 611

LR 60(03)

**An Act To Adjust Maine's Minimum Wage Annually Based on Cost-of-living Changes**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-16)**

**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

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## Fiscal Note

Future biennium cost increase - All Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill may increase costs to the State in the future if the cost of living adjustment increases the minimum wage to an amount higher than the established hourly rate for a State employee at that time. The impact of this potential future cost cannot be predicted at this time.

The Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor will incur additional costs in future biennia to implement and enforce the provisions of this legislation that require the minimum wage to be automatically adjusted for inflation on July 1st of every year beginning in July of 2017.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 629

LR 287(03)

## An Act To Restore Eligibility and Funding for Drug Programs for the Elderly and Disabled

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (S-25)  
Committee: Health and Human Services**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$2,995,616	\$3,994,154	\$3,994,154	\$3,994,154
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$2,995,616	\$3,994,154	\$3,994,154	\$3,994,154
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$2,865,588	\$3,820,785	\$3,820,785	\$3,820,785
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill provides appropriations of \$2,995,616 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$3,994,154 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the costs of restoring income eligibility levels for the Low-cost Drugs to Maine's Elderly program and for the Medicare savings program to levels in place prior to the enactment of PL 2011, chapter 657. The fiscal impact is consistent with a reversal of the savings assumptions/initiatives included in PL 2011, chapter 657.

**126th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 631****LR 414(03)****An Act To Change the Taxes on Fuel Purchased for Use Other Than on the Highways****Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:****C "A" (S-20)****Committee: Taxation****Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$1,291,977	\$1,519,973	\$1,519,973	\$1,519,973
Highway Fund	(\$285,802)	(\$336,237)	(\$336,237)	(\$336,237)
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$1,291,977)	(\$1,519,973)	(\$1,519,973)	(\$1,519,973)
Highway Fund	\$285,802	\$336,237	\$336,237	\$336,237
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$44,425)	(\$52,265)	(\$52,265)	(\$52,265)

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Changing the taxes assessed on fuel purchased for use other than for vehicles used on the highways of the State from 1 cent per gallon plus a use tax of 5% to 5 cents a gallon with no use tax will reduce General Fund revenue by \$1,291,977 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$ 1,519,973 in fiscal year 2014-15.

The bill will also increase Highway Fund revenue by \$285,802 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$336,237 in fiscal year 2014-15. It will also increase Other Special Revenue Funds revenue within the Departments of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Marine Resources, as well as the TransCap Trust Fund within the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, for their portions of fuel tax receipts.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 666

LR 586(03)

**Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Survey Maine Schools on the Costs and Benefits of Contracting for Energy Conservation Improvements**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-217)**

**Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

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## Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The ability of the Department of Education to convene the required working group and conduct the required study within existing budgeted resources without impacting other existing programs and services provided by the department can not be determined at this time. The costs to the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Efficiency Maine Trust are expected to be minor.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 672

LR 1665(03)

## An Act Relating to Exemption from Immunization for Schoolchildren

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-400)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$3,332	\$768	\$768	\$768
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$3,332	\$768	\$768	\$768

#### State Mandates

##### Required Activity

Requires school health advisors to provide information about the benefits and risks of immunization, consisting of Vaccine Information Statements prepared by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, to parents of a child excepted from the immunization requirements under Title 20-A, §6355 and to sign a statement that the information has been provided.

##### Unit Affected

School

##### Local Cost

Insignificant statewide

The required local activities in this bill represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. General Fund appropriations are provided to fund 90% of the additional costs.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Vaccine Information for Parents account within the Department of Education and provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$3,332 in fiscal year 2013-14 and ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$768 per year beginning in fiscal year 2014-15 to the account for the purpose of paying 90% of the total cost to local school administrative units to assemble and send the required information that school health advisors must send to parents. This fiscal note is based on the following assumptions:

**Assumptions**

Number of vaccine information statements (VIS) on US DHHS CDC website		28
Number of VIS relevant to this bill		7
Pages per VIS		2
Pages to be printed and sent per student		14
Pages for signed statement to be placed in child's records		1
Cost of 1 piece of 8 1/2 x 11 copier paper	\$	0.005
Cost per packet (15 pages @ \$0.005 per page)	\$	0.075
Estimated number of exempted students to be sent packets 1st year		5,628
Estimated number of exempted students to be sent packets annually after 1st year		433
Estimated staff time to prepare information packet 1st year		1 hour
Estimated staff time to prepare information packet annually after 1st year		1/4 hour
Estimated hourly rate		\$20
# of School Administrative Units		164

**Summary for All Schools**

Cost of information packets to send to parents 1st year		\$	422.10
Cost to assemble information packets 1st year		\$	3,280.00
Total cost to send information packets to parents 1st year	100%	\$	3,702.10
<b>General Fund appropriation needed to fund 90% 1st year</b>	90%	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,331.89</b>
Cost of information packet to send to parents annually after 1st year		\$	32.48
Cost to assemble information packets annually after 1st year		\$	820.00
Total cost to send information packets to parents annually after 1st year	100%	\$	852.48
<b>General Fund appropriation needed to fund 90% annually after 1st year</b>	90%	<b>\$</b>	<b>767.23</b>

Additional costs to the Department of Education to establish procedures to reimburse local school administrative units can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 690

LR 1588(03)

## An Act To Ensure Efficiency in the Unemployment Insurance System

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-280)**

**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

### Fiscal Note

Potential loss of Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) tax credits  
Potential current biennium revenue decrease - Federal Expenditures Fund

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$712,954	\$994,801	\$1,031,009	\$1,078,932
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$712,954	\$994,801	\$1,031,009	\$1,078,932

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$712,954 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$994,801 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Employment Security Services program within the Department of Labor for 16 Claims Adjudicator positions and related all other costs that the department indicates will be needed in order to make the determinations on all nonmonetary issues related to unemployment benefit eligibility within the required timeframe proposed in this legislation. The fiscal year 2013-14 General Fund cost assumes an October 1, 2013 start date.

The Department of Labor also indicates that the language in this legislation that provides an individual eligibility determination cannot exceed 30 days after the date a nonmonetary issue is identified may result in a federal conformity issue. According to the department, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) only permits the payment of unemployment benefits to individuals determined to be eligible. If it is the intent of this legislation that benefits are to be paid within 30 days even if eligibility has not been established, the State could potentially be ruled out of conformity with federal law. Being out of conformity could jeopardize employers' FUTA tax credits and Maine's unemployment administrative grants. According to the Department of Labor, if Maine's Employment Security Law is ruled out of conformity, the federal unemployment taxes for all Maine employers would increase to 6% on all employment, increasing FUTA taxes from \$30 million to \$210 million annually. Additionally, funding of between \$13 million and \$15 million from unemployment administrative grants that the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation receives annually would be at risk.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 703

LR 1423(03)

## An Act To Make Post-conviction Possession of Animals a Criminal Offense

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-283)**

**Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

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### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

#### **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**

The average length of sentence for a Class D crime is 62 days at an average cost per day of \$118.04. The average cost to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services for a Class D crime is \$460.

Additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry associated with implementing this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 707

LR 1598(03)

## An Act To Refund the Sales Tax Paid on Fuel Used in Commercial Agricultural Production

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-168)**

**Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$250,800	\$315,067	\$316,643	\$318,226
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$250,800)	(\$315,067)	(\$316,643)	(\$318,226)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$13,200)	(\$16,583)	(\$16,665)	(\$16,749)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill reduces General Fund revenue by \$250,800 in FY 2013-14 and by \$315,067 in FY 2014-15 and reduces Municipal Revenue Sharing revenue by \$13,200 in FY 2013-14 and by \$16,583 in FY 2014-15 due to refunding the sales tax paid on purchases of fuel for use in commercial agricultural production and permitting a sales tax exemption on this fuel if the purchaser receives an eligibility certificate from Maine Revenue Services.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 715

LR 1273(03)

## An Act To Improve Access to Career and Technical Schools

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-223)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$40,644	\$40,644	\$40,644
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$40,644	\$40,644	\$40,644

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$40,644 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education for the State's share of providing certain isolated small school administrative units with an adjustment under the school funding formula for the cost of transporting students to and from a career and technical education center or a career and technical education region beginning in fiscal year 2014-15. The Department estimates the total State and local cost of this provision to be \$73,899 in fiscal year 2014-15. Pursuant to current law, the State's share is 55%, or \$40,644.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 718

LR 52(11)

## An Act To Protect Maine Food Consumers' Right To Know about Genetically Engineered Food

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-393)**

**H "B" (H-444) to C "A" (H-393)**

**Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

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### Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Potential increase in the number of civil violations

Potential increase in the collection of additional fines which may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation requires disclosure of genetic engineering at the point of retail sale of food. The legislation is contingent upon enactment of legislation requiring mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food by at least five contiguous states including Maine. If that happens, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry would incur annual General Fund costs of \$128,578 for one Consumer Protection inspector position, one Office Associate II position and related administrative costs to enforce the provisions of the legislation.

The Department of the Attorney General may require additional General Fund appropriations for litigation costs. The amount cannot be estimated at this time.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 738

LR 1375(03)

## An Act To Promote the Maine Economy and Support Maine's Sporting Camp Tradition

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (S-305)  
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$10,374	\$10,374	\$10,374	\$10,374
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$10,374)	(\$10,374)	(\$10,374)	(\$10,374)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$88,500	\$88,500	\$88,500	\$88,500

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation creates a moose hunting permit lottery system for hunting outfitters and will result in an increase in Other Special Revenue Funds revenue of \$88,500 beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It also reduces General Fund revenue by \$10,374 beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 from dedicating these permit fees.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 741

LR 1248(03)

## An Act To Promote Fairness in the Sales Tax Exemption for Vehicles Used in Interstate Commerce

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-54)**

**Committee: Taxation**

### Fiscal Note

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$38,000	\$49,542	\$51,772	\$54,102
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$38,000)	(\$49,542)	(\$51,772)	(\$54,102)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$2,000)	(\$2,608)	(\$2,725)	(\$2,847)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Exempting from the sales tax property placed in use as an instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce by the purchaser that is without operating authority under 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 392-9a reduces General Fund revenue by \$38,000 in FY 2013-14 and by \$49,542 in FY 2014-15 and Municipal Revenue Sharing by \$2,000 in FY 2013-14 and \$2,608 in FY 2014-15.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 743

LR 1377(03)

## An Act To Extend and Improve the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-213)

Committee: Taxation

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$432,250	\$1,297,700	\$2,163,150	\$3,028,600
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$432,250)	(\$1,297,700)	(\$2,163,150)	(\$3,028,600)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$22,750)	(\$68,300)	(\$113,850)	(\$159,400)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Amending the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program as proposed in this bill reduces General Fund revenue by \$432,250 in FY 2013-14 and by \$1,297,700 in FY 2014-15. Municipal Revenue Sharing revenue is reduced by \$22,750 in FY 2013-14 and by \$68,300 in FY 2014-15.

Given the current provisions under the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program in both statute and rule that allow the Authority to charge certain fees, additional General Fund appropriations to the Finance Authority of Maine to implement the requirements of this legislation will not be required.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 783

LR 125(07)

## An Act To Change the Voting Requirements for the Withdrawal of a Municipality from a Regional School Unit

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-552)**

**H "A" (H-561) to C "A" (H-552)**

**Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$178,403	\$182,926	\$187,882	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$178,403	\$182,926	\$187,882	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$178,403 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$182,926 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the School Finance and Operations Program within the Department of Education for one Education Specialist II position and one Education Specialist III position and related all other costs to support the anticipated increase in workload associated with the process of municipalities withdrawing from regional school units. This fiscal note assumes that the increased workload will subside in fiscal year 2016-17 and these positions will end.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 804

LR 1205(03)

## An Act To Improve Preventive Dental Health Care and Reduce Costs in the MaineCare Program

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-517)  
Committee: Health and Human Services**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$1,364,616	\$1,651,154	\$1,290,192	\$1,290,192
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$1,364,616	\$1,651,154	\$1,290,192	\$1,290,192
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$2,208,145	\$2,643,135	\$2,065,313	\$2,065,313

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$1,364,616 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$1,651,154 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the State share of the net costs of providing MaineCare coverage for one annual preventative oral health visit for MaineCare eligible adults 21 years of age and older. This assumes 50,242 MaineCare eligible adults (37.4% of those eligible) would use this service annually at a cost of \$113.50 per person. Offsetting against these costs are assumed savings in the estimated \$11.7 million in MaineCare emergency services used annually by this population. The bill's additional spending is assumed to be fully phased in during the biennium while offsetting savings are assumed to phase-in over a longer period of time.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 828

LR 1029(04)

**An Act To Improve the Administration of the Child Care Subsidy Program and To Prevent Erroneous Termination of Child Care Services**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-272)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

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## Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

There is the potential for additional benefit payment costs to the Department of Health and Human Services. The amount and timing of these payment costs cannot be determined at this time. Additional administrative costs to the Department of Health and Human Services are assumed to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 837

LR 545(06)

An Act To Clarify the Laws Establishing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-339)

H "A" (H-354) to C "A" (H-339)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

## Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$52,214	\$49,038	\$50,509	\$52,024

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation reorganizes several positions within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The bill includes a net Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the department of \$52,214 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$49,038 in fiscal year 2014-15.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 864

LR 1845(03)

## An Act Regarding Service of Small Claims Notices

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-178)**

**Committee: Judiciary**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$25,969	\$34,625	\$21,308	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$25,969	\$34,625	\$21,308	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$25,969 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$34,625 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the temporary services of Active Retired Judges and Clerks and publication costs.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 872

LR 874(03)

## An Act To Improve the Quality of Guardian ad Litem Services for the Children and Families of Maine

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-297)**

**Committee: Judiciary**

### Fiscal Note

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$193,609	\$211,330	\$212,190	\$218,226
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$193,609	\$211,330	\$212,190	\$218,226

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$193,609 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$211,330 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Judicial Department for one Family Process Specialist position, one Administrative Assistant position and one part-time Computer Programmer position and related costs to provide oversight of Guardians Ad Litem.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 890

LR 402(06)

## An Act To Buy American-made Products

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-303)**

**H "A" (H-557) to C "A" (S-303)**

**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

### Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund  
Potential current biennium cost increase - Highway Fund

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$110,736	\$176,268	\$181,438	\$186,838
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$110,736	\$176,268	\$181,438	\$186,838

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$110,736 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$176,268 for 2 Management Analyst II positions within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to comply with the Maine Buy America Act. Requiring all iron, steel and manufactured goods used or supplied in state public works projects be manufactured in the United States could increase the cost of such projects. Any cost increase will not be determined until bids are received.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 905

LR 1689(03)

## Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Examine School Security

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-227)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$49,750	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$49,750	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$49,750 in fiscal year 2013-14 to the School Finance and Operations program within the Department of Education for the costs associated with contracting with security experts to evaluate school preparedness and facility security and make recommendations for measures that may be taken to improve security in schools. Of this amount, the Department of Education estimates that it will take a security consultant approximately 250 hours at a rate of \$125 per hour, or approximately \$31,250, to evaluate school preparedness and develop the required recommendations. The Department also estimates it will take an additional 100 hours at a rate of \$150 per hour, or approximately \$15,000, for an architect planner to evaluate building security and develop recommendations. Finally, the Department anticipates additional costs of \$3,500 related to mileage, printing and other miscellaneous expenses associated with conducting the evaluation.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 906

LR 1651(03)

## An Act To Permit a School Administrative Unit Discretion Concerning Participation of Students from Charter Schools in School Extracurricular and Interscholastic Activities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-524)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

<b>Required Activity</b>	<b>Unit Affected</b>	<b>Local Cost</b>
Requires superintendents to provide a written explanation as to why a request from a student that attends a public charter school to participate in a local school administrative unit's extracurricular or interscholastic activity was denied.	School	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.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 915

LR 1200(03)

## An Act To Expand the Sales Tax Exemption for Certain Public Libraries To Include Sales by Those Libraries or Their Supporting Organizations

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-119)

Committee: Taxation

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$23,602	\$32,885	\$34,364	\$35,911
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$23,602)	(\$32,885)	(\$34,364)	(\$35,911)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$1,242)	(\$1,731)	(\$1,809)	(\$1,890)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Expanding the current sales tax exemption to nonprofit free public lending libraries that receive public funding to include sales by those libraries or by nonprofit corporations organized to support such libraries where the profit from the sales benefits the libraries reduces General Fund revenue in FY 2013-14 by \$23,602 and in FY 2014-15 by \$32,885. Municipal Revenue Sharing is reduced by \$1,242 in FY 2013-14 and by \$1,731 in FY 2014-15.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 927

LR 960(03)

## An Act To Further Energy Independence for the State

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-554)  
Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$30,976	\$43,960	\$45,222	\$46,522
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$30,976	\$43,960	\$45,222	\$46,522
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$506	\$675	\$675	\$675

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$30,976 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$43,960 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Department of Environmental Protection for a half-time Environmental Specialist IV position and related administrative expenses to consult with the Governor's Energy Office in developing an analysis of the interaction between energy planning and greenhouse gas reduction goals and to assist with an analysis of wind energy development, including permitting issues. Other Special Revenue Funds allocations are also included for central administrative costs of \$506 and \$675 in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15, respectively.

The Governor's Energy Office can implement the changes related to the comprehensive energy plan provisions utilizing existing resources available for the plan.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 928

LR 1105(03)

## An Act To Improve MaineCare Nursing Home Reimbursement To Preserve Access and Promote Quality

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-365)

Committee: Health and Human Services

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$1,226,770	\$1,635,693	\$1,635,693	\$1,635,693
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$1,226,770	\$1,635,693	\$1,635,693	\$1,635,693
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$1,963,789	\$2,618,386	\$2,618,386	\$2,618,386

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides appropriations of \$1,226,770 in 2013-14 and \$1,635,693 in 2014-15 for the State's share of the costs of a two percent increase in MaineCare reimbursement rates for nursing facility services. This is assumed to be a one-time but permanent increase in MaineCare nursing facility rates, effective October 1, 2013.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 932**

**LR 1376(03)**

**An Act To Promote Fishing by Youth**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-117)  
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

## Fiscal Note

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$48,750	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$48,750)	(\$65,000)	(\$65,000)	(\$65,000)

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation eliminates the nonresident junior fishing license and would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$48,750 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$65,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 and ongoing.

**126th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 933****LR 129(04)****An Act To Establish a State Board of Dental Hygiene****Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:****C "A" (H-452)****Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development****Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$114,024	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$114,024	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$124,687	\$84,598	\$85,927	\$87,296
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$3,000	\$160,070	\$3,000	\$160,070
<b>Transfers</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements**

Increases caseloads with no effect on fines or fees

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$114,024 in fiscal year 2013-14 to the Board of Dental Hygiene, a new regulatory board affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, for the initial start-up costs of the board.

This bill requires the Board of Dental Hygiene and the Board of Dental Examiners to share both administrative and infrastructure costs on a pro rata basis. This bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$95,908 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$126,952 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the State Board of Dental Hygiene for its share of the personal services and all other costs associated with establishing and administering the State Board of Dental Hygiene as of October 1, 2013. The Board will also incur additional costs of \$64,080 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$5,540 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the costs associated with the ALMS licensing system and other administrative costs. Of that amount, approximately \$60,000 is a one-time cost associated with the initial setup and conversion of the licensing system.

The net increase in dedicated revenues to the two boards from licensing and other fees is estimated to be \$3,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$160,070 in fiscal year 2014-15. The amount to be received by the State Board of Dental Hygiene is estimated to be approximately \$12,130 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$367,458 in fiscal year 2014-15. This estimate assumes the fee for new licenses and renewals of licenses to be \$250. Additionally, there will be a one-time transfer of \$100,079 from the State Board of Dental Examiners to the State Board of Dental Hygiene in fiscal year 2013-14 equal to one half of the biennial renewal revenue received in fiscal year 2012-13. Because this revenue will not be sufficient to support the costs of the State Board of Dental Hygiene, a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$114,024 in fiscal year 2013-14 is included in the bill.

The State Board of Dental Examiners affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation will require Other Special Revenue Funds deallocations of \$66,560 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$89,207 in fiscal year 2014-15 as a result of the licensing and regulation of dental hygienists being transferred to the State Board of Dental Hygiene. The estimated loss of dedicated revenue to the board from licensing and other fees is projected to be \$9,130 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$207,388 in fiscal year 2014-15. As stated above, the State Board of Dental Examiners will make a one-time transfer of \$100,079 in fiscal year 2013-14 to the State Board of Dental Hygiene, reducing its available balances. However, even with this reduction, projections indicate that the board appears to have sufficient funding to cover their expenses through the next biennium.

Thus bill also includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$35,414 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$46,853 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Department of the Attorney General for one part-time Assistant Attorney General position and related costs to provide legal services to the State Board of Dental Hygiene.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 951

LR 1577(04)

## An Act To Amend the Prior Authorization Process for Methadone and Suboxone Treatments under MaineCare

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-559)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

### Fiscal Note

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$578,339	\$1,304,913	\$1,903,338	\$1,903,338
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$578,339	\$1,304,913	\$1,903,338	\$1,903,338
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$935,836	\$2,088,877	\$3,046,825	\$3,046,825

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totalling \$578,339 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$1,304,913 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Department of Health and Human Services. It includes a General Fund appropriation of \$207,956 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$807,772 in fiscal year 2014-15 to allow MaineCare reimbursement for buprenorphine and naloxone combination drugs and methadone for the treatment of addiction to opioids under certain conditions. The General Fund cost to increase the MaineCare rate paid to methadone clinics is \$370,383 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$497,141 in fiscal year 2014-15.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 969**

**LR 1196(03)**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Reduce and Limit the Adult Developmental Services Waiting Lists by Implementing a More Efficient, Responsive and Individualized Model of Service Delivery**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-431)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

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## Fiscal Note

Potential Budget Conflict

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Part NNNNN of Committee Amendment "A" to LD 1509, the Governor's 2014-2105 budget bill, includes similar provisions. The estimate of fiscal impact of this bill may be affected by final Legislative actions on the budget.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 979

LR 1624(03)

## An Act To Exempt the Sale of the United States Flag from the Sales Tax

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-122)**

**Committee: Taxation**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$171,000	\$238,032	\$248,743	\$259,937
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$171,000)	(\$238,032)	(\$248,743)	(\$259,937)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$9,000)	(\$12,528)	(\$13,092)	(\$13,681)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Exempting the sale of the United States flag made entirely of cloth or similar material will reduce General Fund revenue by \$171,000 in FY 2013-14 and by \$238,032 in FY 2014-15 and Municipal Revenue Sharing by \$9,000 in FY 2013-14 and by \$12,528 in FY 2014-15.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 996

LR 489(03)

## An Act To Improve the Accuracy of Fuel Tax Reporting

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-109)**

**Committee: Taxation**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$142	\$203	\$203	\$203
Highway Fund	\$256,571	\$366,530	\$366,530	\$366,530
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$142)	(\$203)	(\$203)	(\$203)
Highway Fund	(\$256,571)	(\$366,530)	(\$366,530)	(\$366,530)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$23,287)	(\$33,267)	(\$33,267)	(\$33,267)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill proposes to allow for the option of calculating the shrinkage allowance using net gallons of fuel, which would decrease Highway Fund revenue by \$256,571 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$366,530 in fiscal year 2014-15 and beyond. It will also decrease General Fund revenue and Other Special Revenue Funds revenue within the Departments of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Marine Resources, as well as the TransCap Trust Fund within the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, for their portions of fuel tax receipts.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 998

LR 1324(03)

## An Act To Provide Consistency in the Application of the Property Tax Exemption for Religious Organizations

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-135)

Committee: Taxation

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes annual General Fund appropriations to Maine Revenue Services of \$60,000 beginning in FY 2013-14 to reimburse municipalities for 50% of the revenue lost from expanding the property tax exemption for property owned by religious organizations to include all real and personal property owned and occupied or used solely for its own purposes by a religious organization. It removes the \$6,000 limitation on the exemption for personal property while maintaining the \$20,000 limitation on the exemption for parsonages. This appropriation is necessary to comply with reimbursement requirements under Article IV, Part Third, Section 23 of the Maine Constitution.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1001

LR 2005(03)

## An Act To Improve Laws Governing Financial Disclosure by Legislators and Certain Public Employees and Public Access to Information Disclosed

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (S-166)  
Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to develop and implement a new electronic filing system.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1036

LR 1904(03)

## An Act To Amend the Social Work Education Loan Repayment Program

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-111)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$20,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 to the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) for the Social Work Education Loan Repayment program. FAME has indicated it will incur a one-time cost of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 for rulemaking and to set-up its computer system to administer the program. Title 10, §1038, sub-§4(B) provides that the costs and expenses of maintaining, servicing and administering the fund and of administering the program may be paid out of amounts in the fund. This fiscal note assumes that FAME will utilize a portion of the fiscal year 2013-14 General Fund appropriation to cover the initial set-up costs and no additional General Fund appropriations to FAME are provided.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1057

LR 739(04)

## An Act Related to Public Funding of Charter Schools

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

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### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This legislation will increase the total cost of K-12 public education in fiscal year 2014-15. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fully fund the cost of public charter schools that are authorized by the Maine Charter School Commission, this legislation will result in local school administrative units receiving less state subsidy for the 2014-2015 school year than would have been received if this provision was not in place. The impact to individual local school administrative units can not be determined at this time.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1068

LR 1344(03)

**An Act To Prevent the Reduction in Adoption Subsidy after an Agreement Has Been Signed by the Prospective Adoptive Parents and the Department of Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-276)**

**Committee: Judiciary**

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## Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

PL 2013, c.1, the FY 2012-13 Emergency Supplemental Budget bill, included an initiative to reduce adoption assistance subsidies paid by the Department of Health and Human Services. The provisions of this bill could restrict the department's ability to fully implement that initiative. The bill could also limit the department's ability to implement any future federal changes in rates and result in additional costs to the General Fund.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1069

LR 1734(05)

## An Act To Provide Flexibility in the State Prevailing Wage and Benefit Rates

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-131)**

**H "A" (H-252) to C "A" (H-131)**

**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

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### Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

According to the Department of Labor, this legislation will increase the amount of research that will need to be conducted and the level of enforcement activity that will need to be performed by staff within the Bureau of Labor Standards beginning in June of 2014. The department has indicated that an additional Labor and Safety Inspector position may be needed, or other enforcement activity reduced, in order to meet the requirements of this legislation.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1096

LR 1497(03)

## An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Students Experiencing Education Disruption

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (S-243)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

**Required Activity**

Requires school administrative units with students experiencing an education disruption to:

**Unit Affected**

School

**Local Cost**

Moderate statewide

- 1) make individual educational materials such as curricula and assignments available to the student within 5 days of becoming aware of the interim program placement;
- 2) develop a schoolwork recognition plan no later than 10 days of becoming aware of the interim program placement;
- 3) assign professional staff to ensure the complete transfer of all records, grades and credits and all academic materials from the interim program no later than 5 days after the student enrolls in the responsible school;
- 4) send or electronically transfer pertinent records, including but not limited to academic and health information records, to the interim program no later than 5 days after becoming aware that a student has entered the program.

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.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1103

LR 1218(03)

## An Act To Encourage Development in the Logging Industry

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-249)**

**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

Potential current biennium savings - General Fund

#### State Mandates

**Required Activity**

A municipality will be required to suspend property from the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law and make the necessary administrative adjustments to its tax records if a property owner or harvester employed by or under contract to the property owner uses bonded labor or fails to provide certain notification.

**Unit Affected**

Municipality

**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

Any property suspended from the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law would reduce the amount of reimbursement the State pays to municipalities for property that is enrolled in the program.

Additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry associated with the provisions of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1129

LR 1891(06)

## An Act To Promote Innovation in Public Schools

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-291)**

**H "A" (H-548) to C "A" (S-291)**

**Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

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### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Education will incur costs to 1) publish the required models on its website; 2) lead the required statewide conferences by the spring of 2014 and annually thereafter until 2018, and 3) create the required series of teleconferences by the spring of 2014 and annually thereafter until 2018. The total cost to the department and its ability to absorb the cost without impacting existing programs and services can not be determined at this time.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 1132**

**LR 1130(03)**

## **An Act To Achieve Economic Growth by Enhancing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education and To Meet Workforce Needs**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (S-207)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

### **Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$50,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 for the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Council to carry out the duties of the council and to establish the office of executive director to provide leadership and management expertise that will assist the council in achieving its goals.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1133

LR 1610(03)

## An Act Concerning the Removal of Municipal Employees

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-141)**

**Committee: State and Local Government**

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

**Required Activity**

Processing "for cause" terminations for municipal employees including providing notice and the opportunity for a hearing.

**Unit Affected**

Municipality

**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.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1143

LR 1945(03)

## An Act To Provide Full-day Kindergarten Programs

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-381)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

<b>Required Activity</b>	<b>Unit Affected</b>	<b>Local Cost</b>
Requires school administrative units to provide full-day kindergarten programs.	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

This legislation will not increase the total cost of K-12 public education or the State's share of that cost. The impact to local school administrative units can not be determined at this time.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1150

LR 1728(03)

## An Act To Require Prevailing Wages To Be Paid on Public Works Projects Receiving State Funding

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-418)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

### Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund  
Potential current biennium cost increase - Highway Fund

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$105,862	\$146,141	\$151,599	\$157,590
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$105,862	\$146,141	\$151,599	\$157,590

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$105,862 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$146,141 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Regulation and Enforcement program within the Department of Labor for 2 Labor and Safety Inspector positions and related all other costs associated with the increase in enforcement activity as a result of extending the requirement for payment of the prevailing hourly rate of wages and benefits for all public works contracts to include those contracts which are funded by any amount of State funding transferred to a school district or municipality which amounts to \$50,000 or more.

This legislation may increase the total state and local costs of major capital school construction projects and local repair projects with a cost of \$50,000 or more if the prevailing wage and benefits as determined by the Department of Labor pursuant to Title 26, §1308 is higher than wages and benefits currently being paid by school administrative units for construction projects. The impact of this legislation on the State and individual school administrative units can not be determined at this time.

The Department of Transportation and municipalities may incur additional costs on construction projects funded through the State's municipal partnership initiative if the total project is over \$50,000 but the State and municipality portions are each under \$50,000.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1151

LR 1580(05)

## An Act Regarding the Administration and Financial Transparency of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-105)

H "A" (H-110)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations to a new Citizen Trade Policy Commission program in the Legislature and offsetting deappropriations from the Legislature program to implement a segregation of the commission's funding into a separate account. The Legislature's proposed budget includes annual General Fund appropriations of \$26,120 for the commission that are being transferred to the new program. In addition, funding for a biennial assessment of \$10,000 is also being transferred in fiscal year 2013-14. These amounts may need to be adjusted based on final decisions on the 2014-2015 biennial budget.

This bill also would result in the transfer of unexpended balances of funding designated for the Citizen Trade Policy Commission from the Legislature program within the Legislature to the newly established program, the Citizen Trade Policy Commission program within the Legislature. This provision will not affect General Fund lapsed balance, just the program in which unexpended balances would carry forward from fiscal year 2012-13 to fiscal year 2013-14. The amount of the commission's unexpended balances at the close of fiscal year 2012-13 cannot be estimated at this time.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1157

LR 18(03)

## An Act To Establish the Fair Chance for Employment Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-402)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$52,931	\$73,071	\$75,800	\$78,795
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$52,931	\$73,071	\$75,800	\$78,795

### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new civil violations.

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

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$52,931 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$73,071 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Regulation and Enforcement program within the Department of Labor for one Labor and Safety Inspector position and related all other costs to support an expected increase in education, outreach and enforcement activity as a result of the provisions in this legislation that prohibit employers and employment agencies, when advertising for a job vacancy, to state that current employment status is a qualification or requirement for the job.

The additional costs to the Department of the Attorney General are expected to be minor and can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1159

LR 2036(03)

## An Act To Address Human Trafficking, Sex Trafficking and Prostitution

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**No Amendments**

**Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

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### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

#### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the class of a crime from a Class D crime to a Class C crime and a Class B crime.

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

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Increasing the class of crime for certain prostitution crimes will likely result in an increase in the length of a sentence and potentially shift the cost from the county correctional system to the state. Allowing the court to impose a jail sentence for the Class E crime of first offense engaging a prostitute may increase the number of people sentenced to jail. The average cost per day per prisoner is \$111.34 in a state facility and \$118.04 in a county facility.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1164

LR 1628(03)

## An Act To Allow Cooperative Housing Owners Who Are Blind To Qualify for the Property Tax Exemption

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-80)

Committee: Taxation

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160

#### State Mandates

##### Required Activity

Municipalities will be required to administer a new property tax exemption of the first \$4,000 of just value on the prorated value of the cooperative housing occupied by a person who is legally blind. Required activities would include reviewing and determining persons eligible for the property tax exemption and subsequently updating tax records as well as associated administrative duties.

##### Unit Affected

Municipality

##### Local Cost

Insignificant 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

Pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 23 of the Maine Constitution the state is required to annually reimburse municipalities for 50% of property tax revenue lost by municipalities for state imposed property tax exemptions or credits. This bill includes an annual General Fund appropriation of \$160 to cover this reimbursement.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1172

LR 211(03)

## An Act To Support the Maine Downtown Center

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-59)**

**Committee: Maine's Workforce and Economic Future**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$100,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 to the Maine Development Foundation to support the Maine Downtown Center.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1181

LR 1627(04)

## An Act To Further Strengthen the Protection of Pregnant Women and Children from Toxic Chemicals

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (S-310)  
Committee: Environment and Natural Resources**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$180,170	\$193,052	\$198,246	\$203,595
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$180,170	\$193,052	\$198,246	\$203,595
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$586	\$781	\$781	\$781

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$180,170 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$193,052 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Department of Environmental Protection to fund one full-time Environmental Specialist IV position and one full-time Toxicologist position along with the associated administrative and technology costs related to implementing changes in the toxic chemicals in children's products program. It also includes related Other Special Revenue Funds allocations to the department of \$586 and \$781 in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15, respectively. This estimate is based on fully implementing all the authorized changes detailed in the bill.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1185

LR 1353(03)

## An Act To Enhance Efforts To Use Locally Produced Food in Schools

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-233)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

<b>Required Activity</b>	<b>Unit Affected</b>	<b>Local Cost</b>
Requires school administrative units to determine and report the percentage of food and dairy products purchased or otherwise acquired for use in its elementary school and secondary school that is grown, raised, caught or produced in the State beginning in fiscal year 2014-15.	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 to collect and report the required data from school administrative units beginning in fiscal year 2014-15 can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 1188**

**LR 1719(03)**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend Its Rules of Reimbursement under the MaineCare Program for Audiology and Speech-language Pathology Services**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-494)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

## Fiscal Note

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$422,720	\$680,868	\$680,868	\$680,868
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$422,720	\$680,868	\$680,868	\$680,868
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$684,022	\$1,089,920	\$1,089,920	\$1,089,920

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides appropriations of \$422,720 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$680,868 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the State's share of the costs of funding an increase in MaineCare reimbursement rates for speech and hearing pathology and audiology services for independent practitioners to the rate paid to speech and hearing agencies for the same services.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1198

LR 1589(03)

## An Act To Protect Earned Pay

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-256)**

**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

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### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - All Funds

Current biennium cost increase - Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund

Potential future biennium revenue increase - Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Repealing the provisions that include holiday pay and vacation pay that exceed 4 weeks of an individual's wages as deductible income when calculating a claimant's unemployment compensation benefit amount will increase costs to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 due to an increase in benefit payments. The Department of Labor estimates the increase in benefit costs to all employers to be \$221,446.

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 the State as a direct reimbursement employer, which could affect all funds that carry payroll expense.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1232

LR 680(03)

**An Act To Maintain the Integrity of the Fund for a Healthy Maine**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-204)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

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## Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill creates a potential conflict with proposals included in the Governor's proposed 2014-2015 Biennial Budget (LD 1509).



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1254

LR 892(04)

## An Act To Increase Consumption of Maine Foods in All State Institutions

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-510)**

**Committee: State and Local Government**

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### State Mandates

**Required Activity**

Requires local school administrative units that do not participate in the National School Lunch Program to track and purchase a minimum percentage of Maine foodstuffs directly from Maine food producers or food brokers.

**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

Establishing benchmarks for the purchase of foodstuffs produced or harvested by Maine producers will increase costs beginning in fiscal year 2019-20. The additional costs to state institutions cannot be estimated at this time, but a pricing sample of meat and frozen products indicate the additional costs could exceed \$250,000 per year.

Additional costs to the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy to comply with the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 1259**

**LR 2075(03)**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 17: Rules Regarding Proof of Ownership and Recruitment by Employers Employing Foreign Laborers To Operate Logging Equipment, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Labor**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-257)**

**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

## Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue increase - General Fund

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$58,350	\$80,295	\$81,607	\$82,945
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$58,350	\$80,295	\$81,607	\$82,945

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$58,350 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$80,295 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Regulation and Enforcement program within the Department of Labor for one Labor and Safety Inspector position and related all other costs as a result of the increase in enforcement responsibility associated with this legislation. The Department of Labor has indicated that the Regulation and Enforcement program may need an additional second Labor and Safety Inspector position as a result of this legislation depending on actual experience.

This legislation may result in increased General Fund revenue from fines. The amount will depend on the number and amount of fines assessed.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1263

LR 1559(04)

## An Act To Increase Funding for the Snowmobile Trail Fund and Adjust the Sales Tax Relating to Snowmobiles and Trail-grooming Equipment

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-533)  
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$17,500	\$18,450	\$19,419	\$20,388
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$478,887	\$638,516	\$638,516	\$638,516
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$17,500)	(\$18,450)	(\$19,419)	(\$20,388)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$478,012	\$637,593	\$637,545	\$637,497

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Exempting diesel fuel used for grooming snowmobile trails from sales tax will result in a reduction in General Fund revenue of \$17,500 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$18,450 in fiscal year 2014-15. The resulting reduction to the Local Government Fund in those years is \$875 and \$923, respectively.

The bill also increases snowmobile registration fees, resulting in an increase in Other Special Revenue Funds revenue of \$478,887 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$638,516 in fiscal year 2014-15. The bill includes corresponding Other Special Revenue Funds allocations to provide grants to municipalities and counties related to snowmobile trail maintenance.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1274

LR 1443(03)

## An Act To Sustain Emergency Medical Services throughout the State

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-218)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$120,130	\$160,174	\$160,174	\$160,174
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$120,130	\$160,174	\$160,174	\$160,174
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$192,302	\$256,403	\$256,403	\$256,403

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides appropriations of \$120,130 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$160,174 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the State's share of the costs of increasing MaineCare reimbursement rates for ambulance services to not less than 65% of Medicare reimbursement rate levels. Assumes an October 1, 2013 effective date.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1280

LR 695(03)

## An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of the Town of Bancroft

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-84)**

**Committee: State and Local Government**

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### Fiscal Note

Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Future biennium savings - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill will become effective only if approved by the voters of the Town of Bancroft at the next general election to be held in November. If approved, the deorganization of the Town of Bancroft would take effect on July 1, 2015. The Division of State Schools - Education in the Unorganized Territories program in the Department of Education will incur future General Fund expenditures to provide services to the Unorganized Territories. The General Fund would be fully reimbursed for these costs by higher collections made through the Municipal Cost Component program. The Department of Education expenditures would be ongoing and would be to provide schooling to students from the Town of Bancroft. The amount can not be determined at this time, but is estimated to be approximately \$122,980 annually.

The deorganization of the Town of Bancroft will result in savings to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education. The amount of savings can not be determined at this time. The Town of Bancroft will receive approximately \$39,584 in subsidy in fiscal year 2013-14.

Any additional costs incurred by Maine Revenue Services related to the deorganization of the Town of Bancroft can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. The minor additional costs associated with the filing of certain election results can be absorbed by the Secretary of State utilizing existing budgeted resources.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1282

LR 846(05)

## An Act To Help Small Farmers in Selling Raw Milk Products

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-195)**

**H "A" (H-427) to C "A" (S-195)**

**Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$3,700	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$3,700	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$3,700 in fiscal year 2013-14 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for rulemaking, including advertisement, meeting space rental and transcripts.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1287

LR 896(04)

## An Act To Deregulate Face-to-face Transactions between the People and Small Farms and Small Food Producers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-326)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$22,800	\$22,800	\$22,800	\$22,800
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$22,800)	(\$22,800)	(\$22,800)	(\$22,800)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation will result in a reduction in General Fund revenue of \$22,800 beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 from eliminating the licensing requirement for agricultural producers for sales of farm food products and home kitchen producers for sales of homemade food.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1300

LR 1541(04)

## An Act To Promote and Expand Awareness of the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-238)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations totaling \$22,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 to a newly created Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program Marketing Fund program account within the Finance Authority of Maine. Of that amount, \$20,000 per year is appropriated beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 for the Authority to contract with a private nonprofit corporation to market the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program throughout the State. An additional \$2,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 is appropriated to the Finance Authority of Maine for the costs associated with administering the program.

Additional costs to the Department of Education, the Department of Labor and the State's public higher education institutions to implement the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1309

LR 1748(04)

## An Act To Strengthen the Maine Clean Election Act

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (S-156)  
Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$6,421,865	\$1,689,499	\$2,944,805	\$767,625
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$4,500,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$4,719,525	\$65,775	\$100,982	\$30,257

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation establishes an opportunity for legislative and gubernatorial candidates to qualify for a supplemental payment. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices will require an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$6,401,750 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$1,668,750 in fiscal year 2014-15 to distribute these payments. In order to qualify for a supplemental payment candidates must collect additional qualifying contributions, therefore Other Special Revenue Funds revenue will increase by \$219,525 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$65,775 in fiscal year 2014-15. The Commission will also require an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$20,115 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$20,749 in fiscal year 2014-15 for one limited-period Project position to process additional qualifying contributions and distributions. Additionally, the commission will require a revenue transfer from the General Fund of \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 to fund these payments.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1333

LR 2069(03)

## Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend the MaineCare Benefits Manual

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-206)

Committee: Health and Human Services

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$871,031	\$874,941	\$874,941	\$874,941
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$871,031	\$874,941	\$874,941	\$874,941
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$1,407,746	\$1,402,836	\$1,402,836	\$1,402,836

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$871,031 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$874,941 in fiscal year 2014-15 to increase MaineCare reimbursement for inpatient substance abuse services in distinct inpatient units and to increase the per psychiatric discharge rate for patients under 18 years of age from hospitals in the Lewiston-Auburn area. The corresponding Federal Expenditures allocations are \$1,407,746 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$1,402,836 in fiscal year 2014-15. These amounts assume a July 1, 2013 effective date.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1350

LR 1431(04)

## An Act Regarding School Administrator Effectiveness

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (S-258)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires school boards to develop a system to annually evaluate the performance and effectiveness of superintendents that includes standards of professional practice consistent with nationally recognized principles and standards of professional practice.	School	Significant 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.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1353

LR 1889(03)

## An Act To Further Reduce Student Hunger

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-70)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

**Required Activity**

Requires the governing body of those local school administrative units that are required by this legislation to operate a federal summer food service program to provide notice of and conduct a public hearing before voting to determine whether or not to opt out of the program.

**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.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1354

LR 1421(03)

## An Act To Create the Aging in Place Program

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-143)**

**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

### Fiscal Note

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to the Aging in Place Program within the Department of Economic and Community Development of \$750,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 for weatherization and other home improvement and repair services for low income seniors.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1364

LR 2055(03)

## An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Hospital and Therapeutic Leave Days for MaineCare Recipients

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-370)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>					
General Fund	\$21,702	(\$112,760)	(\$113,513)	(\$113,513)	(\$113,513)
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>					
General Fund	\$21,702	(\$112,760)	(\$113,513)	(\$113,513)	(\$113,513)
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$36,278	(\$182,462)	(\$181,709)	(\$181,709)	(\$181,709)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill conflicts with a provision included in the Governor's proposed 2014-2015 Biennial Budget (LD 1509). The bill provides an appropriation of \$21,702 in 2012-13 and deappropriations of \$112,760 in 2013-14 and \$113,513 in 2014-15 for the impact of retroactively limiting therapeutic leave days in the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 45 and Section 67, to 7 hospital leave days per hospital visit and 20 therapeutic leave days per year.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1370

LR 2003(03)

## An Act To Exempt from Sales Tax the Sales of Adaptive Equipment To Make a Vehicle Handicapped Accessible

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-192)

Committee: Taxation

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$42,750	\$59,337	\$61,889	\$64,550
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$42,750)	(\$59,337)	(\$61,889)	(\$64,550)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$2,250)	(\$3,123)	(\$3,257)	(\$3,397)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Exempting from the sales tax the purchase of adaptive equipment by a person with a disability or by a person that receives a purchase request from a disabled person for installation in or on a motor vehicle will reduce General Fund revenue by \$42,750 in FY 2013-14 and by \$59,337 in FY 2014-15 and Muncipal Revenue Sharing by \$2,250 in FY 2013-14 and by \$3,123 in FY 2014-15.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1383

LR 636(03)

## An Act To Improve the Delivery of Early Child Care and Education Services

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-464)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

### Fiscal Note

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$6,600,000	\$8,900,000	\$8,900,000	\$8,900,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$6,600,000	\$8,900,000	\$8,900,000	\$8,900,000
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill provides appropriations of \$6,600,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$8,900,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Child Care Services and Head Start programs and for home visiting services in the Department of Health and Human Services.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1424

LR 2030(03)

## An Act To Increase Mileage Reimbursement and Compensation for Jurors

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-232)**

**Committee: Judiciary**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$460,869	\$614,492	\$614,492	\$614,492
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$460,869	\$614,492	\$614,492	\$614,492

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$460,869 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$614,492 beginning in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Judicial Department to increase mileage reimbursement and compensation for jurors.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1435

LR 477(03)

## An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Laws

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-500)  
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$48,750	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$48,750)	(\$65,000)	(\$65,000)	(\$65,000)

#### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Decreases the number of civil violations, Class E and Class D crimes.  
A reduction in fines will decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation eliminates the nonresident junior fishing license and would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$48,750 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$65,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 and ongoing. Other provisions of this legislation may reduce General Fund revenues by minor amounts not requiring any change to the budget. Additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife associated with implementing the provisions of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 1445**

**LR 1986(03)**

## **An Act To Facilitate Children's Testimony**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-385)**

**Committee: Judiciary**

### **Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$316,928	\$162,394	\$166,690	\$171,115
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$316,928	\$162,394	\$166,690	\$171,115

#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$316,928 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$162,394 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Judicial Department for one Assistant Clerk position, one System Support Specialist position and equipment costs necessary to accommodate testimony of a child outside the presence of the defendant.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 1486**

**LR 1782(05)**

**An Act To Maximize Funds Available To Provide Oral Health Care Services to Persons with Developmental, Behavioral or Other Severely Disabling Conditions Requiring Specialized and Time-intensive Oral Health Care**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-520)**

**H "A" (H-562) to C "A" (H-520)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

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## Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bills requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to pursue MaineCare coverage for preventive and restorative dental services for a subset of the adult population conditioned on the approval of a State plan amendment by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services would result in additional costs for the MaineCare program. The amount of these costs will depend on the timing and scope of the approved expanded coverage and cannot be determined at this time. The availability and adequacy of existing appropriated funds to fund the State share of the costs of the MaineCare coverage also cannot be determined.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1489

LR 493(03)

## An Act To Address Maine's Immediate Workforce Needs

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-194)**

**Committee: Maine's Workforce and Economic Future**

### Fiscal Note

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$175,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$175,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$175,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and ongoing appropriations of \$50,000 beginning in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Maine Workforce Opportunities Marketing Fund established within the Department of Economic and Community Development for the costs associated with establishing and maintaining the qualified employee and qualified employer registries and for marketing the Job Creation through Educational Opportunity Program through March 31, 2021.

Additional costs to the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Department of Labor can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1491

LR 1766(03)

**An Act To Extend the Statute of Limitations on Certain Sex Crimes**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-209)**

**Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

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## Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

### **Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements**

May increase violations of existing Class A, B and C crimes; increases correctional and judicial costs.  
The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1503

LR 2099(03)

## An Act To Ensure Student Access to Postsecondary Military Options

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (H-311)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

**Required Activity**

Requires school boards of publicly supported secondary schools to adopt and implement a policy that ensures uniformed recruiters for the United State Armed Forces or the Maine National Guard the same access and opportunity to meet with secondary students as other postsecondary and career recruiters.

**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.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1505

LR 2119(04)

## An Act Regarding Insured Value Factor Payments for Public Tuition Students Attending a Private School

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (S-293)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

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### Fiscal Note

Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Increasing the percentage of the maximum allowed tuition rate that private schools that are approved for receipt of public funds may charge for the Insured Value Factor (IVF) beginning in the 2014-2015 school year will increase costs to those local school administrative units that send students to these private schools in the same school year. This provision will increase the State's share of the cost of funding K-12 education beginning in fiscal year 2016-17, which is when the data reflecting the actual cost to school administrative units will be included in the calculation of essential programs and services.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1515

LR 2091(05)

## An Act To Increase the Availability of Mental Health Services

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-490)**

**H "A" (H-495) to C "A" (H-490)**

**Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

### Fiscal Note

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>Projections FY 2015-16</b>	<b>Projections FY 2016-17</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,317,750	\$3,317,750	\$3,317,750
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,317,750	\$3,317,750	\$3,317,750

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$3,316,250 in fiscal year 2014-15 for Riverview Psychiatric Center to contract for clinical services to be provided in a mental health unit located within an adult correctional facility. It also provides a General Fund appropriation of \$1,500 for the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services based on an anticipated increase in court hearings. The Department of Corrections has indicated no additional security staff will be required as a result of this bill.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1533

LR 1886(03)

## An Act To Establish the Maine Online Learning Collaborative

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (S-302)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

### Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Maine Online Learning Collaborative Fund as a nonlapsing fund within the Department of Education to provide reimbursement to local school administrative units for certain online learning programs. This bill provides base Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$500 per year beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 for the Maine Online Learning Collaborative Fund to authorize the expenditure of funds.

This legislation requires the State Controller to transfer available balances remaining in the Maine Learning Technology Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Maine Online Learning Collaborative Fund no later than 10 days after this legislation becomes effective. The State's accounting system does not have an Other Special Revenue Funds account with that specific name. However, there are currently 4 Maine Learning Technology Initiative, Other Special Revenue Funds accounts that have cash balances totaling \$1,175,491. Given the current language in this legislation, the State Controller has indicated that all available funds would be taken from all accounts under the Maine Learning Technology Initiative program. Also, because this legislation does not include language that would allow for only those balances available after "accounting for all commitments or obligations" to be transferred to the Maine Online Learning Collaborative Fund, the State Controller would be obligated to transfer the cash balances in the Other Special Revenue Funds accounts without consideration of what commitments or obligations currently exist. General Fund appropriations may be required to address those commitments and obligations.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1540

LR 2125(03)

**An Act To Fix and Improve the System Used To Evaluate or Rate Public Schools in Maine**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:  
C "A" (S-306)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

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## Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation requires the Commissioner of Education to convene a task force to develop a school assessment system to evaluate or rate the performance of public schools in the State and to implement that assessment system beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. The cost to the Department of Education associated with implementing the assessment system can not be determined at this time and may depend on the recommendations of the task force and approval of legislation during the 2nd Regular Session of the 126th Legislature. Even without future legislation, the department would still be required by this bill to implement a school assessment system.

Additional costs associated with convening the task force and conducting the required review can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1554

LR 2124(02)

## An Act To Increase International Cross-border Partnerships To Benefit Maine's Economy

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**No Amendments**

**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$5,250	\$5,250	\$5,250	\$5,250
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$5,250	\$5,250	\$5,250	\$5,250

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$5,250 annually in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 to the Legislature for the Maine Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission