



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Establish Multidistrict Online Classes in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires resident school administrative units to pay for on-line courses that meet certain criteria offered by non-resident school administrative units for resident students under certain conditions.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

Moderate statewide

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

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation requires that, from fiscal year 2012-13 through fiscal year 2014-15, school administrative units (SAU's) must provide up to a total of \$5,000 to support the costs of students enrolling in online courses offered by nonresident school administrative units.

Additional costs to the Department of Education to conduct the required study and evaluation and to provide the required information can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.