



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 231

LR 159(05)

## An Act To Ensure That Schoolchildren with Dyslexia Receive the Assistance Needed

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**  
**C "A" (H-279)**  
**S "A" (S-327) to C "A" (H-279)**  
**Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

#### State Mandates

<b>Required Activity</b>	<b>Unit Affected</b>	<b>Local Cost</b>
Requires school administrative units to screen certain students for dyslexia.	School	Moderate statewide

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

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Education (DOE) to establish a dyslexia coordinator position that will develop a plan for training, professional development and identifying needs of school administrative units for implementing certain dyslexia-related practices and responses to intervention strategies. LD 1019, the 2016-2017 Biennial Budget as enacted by the Legislature, includes a federally funded Education Specialist III position as part of a reorganization of the Special Services Team which, according to the DOE, can be used as a dyslexia coordinator.