

**127th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1583****LR 2662(04)****An Act To Provide for Tax Conformity and Funding Methods****Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:****C "A" (S-354)****Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs****Fiscal Note**

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$6,352,443)	\$10,442,645	\$12,725,300	\$9,600,080
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$6,128,120)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$1,500,000)	(\$1,500,000)	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$18,974,760)	(\$19,404,000)	(\$12,725,300)	(\$9,600,080)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$387,240)	(\$396,000)	(\$259,700)	(\$195,920)
Transfers				
General Fund	\$19,199,083	\$8,961,355	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$2,613,150)	(\$2,211,355)	\$0	\$0
Dirigo Health Fund	(\$300,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation proposes to conform to certain federal tax laws for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015 and would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$18,974,760 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$19,404,000 in fiscal year 2016-17. It would also result in a reduction in transfers to the Local Government Fund of \$387,240 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$396,000 in fiscal year 2016-17.

Part B of the bill transfers \$9,535,933 from the Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2015-16.

Part C deappropriates \$6,128,120 from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Office of the Treasurer of the State in fiscal year 2015-16 to reflect savings in debt service and veterans tax reimbursements.

Part D transfers \$194,312 in fiscal year 2015-16 from various Department of Environmental Protection Other Special Revenue Funds accounts chosen by the department prior to the close of fiscal year 2015-16 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Parts E and F lapses \$6,750,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$6,750,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 from Personal Services appropriations that would otherwise lapse to the Salary Plan account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Part G transfers \$767,507 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$711,355 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the K-12 Essential Programs and Services Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Part H deallocates \$750,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the Fund for Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services - Administration program and repeals transfers from the General Fund to the Fund for Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services - Administration program.

Part I repeals the provision in Public Law 2015, c. 267, Part PP that required the State Controller to transfer \$750,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Fund for Efficient Delivery of Educational Services Other Special Revenue Funds account and includes corresponding deallocations to the program account.

Part J transfers \$300,000 from the Dirigo Health Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund during fiscal year 2015-16.

Part K transfers \$151,331 from the Audit Recovery Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund during fiscal year 2015-16.