



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Strengthen Requirements for Water Testing for Schools

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires all public and private schools approved for tuition purposes to test water used for drinking or culinary purposes for lead using water testing kits or by submitting water samples to an approved laboratory for lead testing.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

Significant 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.

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

Elevating the priority of water lead abatement or mitigation from a "Priority 2" status to a "Priority 1" status for the use of loans that school administrative units may receive from the School Revolving Renovation Fund for school repairs and renovations may result in less funds being available for loans for other eligible projects.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) anticipates that expenditures would increase due to an increased number of water tests. These costs would be offset by an increase in revenue from the charge for each test. The exact amount of these increases cannot be determined at this time.