



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act Regarding Transportation Management Software and School Bus Replacement

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No state fiscal impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation establishes in statute the criteria for the replacement of conventional and transit-type school buses through the School Bus Purchase Program within the Department of Education. Assuming that the \$5,000,000 funding level established in Title 20-A, section 5401, sub-section 15, paragraph A for the program, with certain exceptions, does not change, this bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact to the Department of Education or the program as a whole.

Currently, the criteria for the replacement of conventional and transit-type school buses through the School Bus Purchase Program is established in Chapter 85: School Bus Purchase Program. This bill increases the mileage criteria for the purchase of conventional buses from 125,000 miles to 150,000 miles and decreases the mileage and age criteria for the purchase of transit-type buses from 14 years and 245,000 miles to 10 years and 150,000 miles. Whether the changes in this bill will impact the purchasing decisions made by local school administrative units (SAU's) for school buses can not be determined and will depend on each individual SAU's mix of school buses.