



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 382

LR 488(01)

An Act To Fund Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons at the Maine State Library

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Spkr. Gideon of Freeport

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$40,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 to a newly established Blind and Visually Impaired News Access Fund within the Maine State Library to be used to provide access to the National Federation of the Blind's news network for blind and visually impaired persons. The allocation is to be funded by transfers by the Public Utilities Commission of \$40,000 each year from the Maine Universal Service Fund (MUSF) to the newly created fund to support the annual cost of providing access to the network. The MUSF currently has sufficient funding to support this transfer and no adjustments to the assessment collected from telecommunications providers is required at this time.