



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Local Produce for Public Schools

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Vitelli of Sagadahoc

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
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$501,611	\$527,091	\$530,715	\$534,483
Appropriations/Allocations				
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Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations totaling \$501,611 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$527,091 in fiscal year 2020-21 to the School Finance and Operations program within the Department of Education to support the provision of the Local Produce Fund established pursuant to Title 20-A, section 6602, subsection 12.

Of these amounts, \$71,611 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$97,091 in fiscal year 2020-21 are provided for one Education Specialist III position and related All Other costs to administer the fund as well as to provide training to food staff, outreach to local farmers and to manage a new program to promote seasonally available local products. Additionally, \$430,000 per year is appropriated to provide a \$1 match for every \$3 a school administrative unit pays for produce or minimally processed foods purchased directly from eligible providers and establishes that funds appropriated for this purpose are non-lapsing funds to be carried forward into the next fiscal year to be used only to support the provisions of the Local Produce Fund.