

**130th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1010****LR 402(01)****An Act To Establish the Maine Service Fellows Program****Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill****Sponsor: Rep. Rielly of Westbrook****Committee: State and Local Government****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement**

	<b>FY 2021-22</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>	<b>Projections FY 2023-24</b>	<b>Projections FY 2024-25</b>
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The Maine Commission for Community Services has estimated the cost of funding 10 program fellows as part of the Maine Service Fellows Program to be \$350,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$353,501 in fiscal year 2022-23. Of that amount, \$336,319 and \$339,683 in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively, is for stipends, health insurance allowances, personal liability insurance, workers' compensation insurance for the program fellows as well as the educational loan payment to be provided as a program completion bonus. The commission has also estimated the cost for a program manager to administer the program to be \$13,681 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$13,818 in fiscal year 2022-23. This bill requires the commission to establish the first class of 10 program fellows within 180 days following the effective date of this legislation to the extent funds are available. Absent General Fund appropriations, it is unclear whether this can be accomplished.

The Department of Education, Maine Commission for Community Service, will require Other Special Revenue Funds allocations and Federal Expenditures Funds allocations of \$500 per year beginning in fiscal year 2021 to authorize expenditures for the program in the event that funds are received from private or federal sources.