



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Clarify Safety Issues in Schools with Respect to Health-related States of Emergency

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$72,348	\$74,663	\$77,052	\$79,518
Appropriations/Allocations				
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State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires local school administrative units (SAU's) to submit monthly reports to the director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services detailing the steps that the SAU is taking to comply with the guidance or directives and any health-related executive order or proclamation by the Governor while a health-related state of emergency is in effect.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

\$72,348

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$72,348 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$74,663 in fiscal year 2022-23 to a newly created Health-related State of Emergency - School Reporting Requirement program within the Department of Education to reimburse local SAU's for the costs to prepare and submit monthly reports to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention detailing the steps the SAU is taking to comply with the guidance or directives issued by the Governor during a health-related state of emergency. This fiscal note assumes it will take 1 hour to prepare the original report and one half-hour to update the report for each school administrative unit for each month that school is in session. Any unspent balances at the end of a fiscal year will lapse to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.