



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act Regarding Special Education Funding for So-called Minimum Receiver School Administration Units

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Increases total cost of public education from kindergarten to grade 12

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Increasing the minimum state share of a school administrative unit's (SAU's) special education costs under the essential programs and services funding model from 50% to 55% will increase the total cost of public education from kindergarten to grade 12 and the State's share of that cost beginning in fiscal year 2024-25. Although the cost for fiscal year 2024-25 can not be determined at this time, the Department of Education has estimated that had this provision been in effect in fiscal year 2023-24 the total cost of K-12 public education would have increased by \$2,057,055, with the State's share being 55%, or \$1,131,380 and the local share being 45%, or \$925,675.