



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1183

LR 1044(05)

## An Act to Establish the School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**  
**C "A" (H-272)**  
**S "A" (S-473) to C "A" (H-272)**  
**Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$343,781	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
<b>Transfers</b>				
General Fund	\$343,781	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$343,781)	\$0	\$0	\$0

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$343,781 in fiscal year 2023-24 to a newly established School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund within the Department of Education for grants to eligible school administrative units to purchase school kitchen and cafeteria equipment, improve food safety in school kitchens and cafeterias, reimburse food costs related to medically necessary dietary restrictions of students and to support the maintenance and expansion of the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program within the school administrative unit. The bill also includes Federal Expenditures Fund base allocations of \$500 per year beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 to authorize the expenditure of funds in the event money is received from federal grants.

The bill also requires the State Controller to lapse \$343,781 in unencumbered balances in the Alternative Breakfast Delivery Service Program, General Fund account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.