



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Education To Adopt a Policy Regarding Management of Head Injuries in Youth Sports

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

##### Required Activity

Requires all public schools and those private schools enrolling more than 60% of their students at public expense to adopt and implement a policy on management of head injuries in school athletic practices, games and activities that is consistent with the model policy proposed by the Commissioner of Education by July 1, 2012.

##### Unit Affected

School

##### Local Cost

Insignificant statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

To the extent that the requirements included in this bill are already in place, the impact of this legislation on school administrative units is not expected to be significant. The impact to those school administrative units that have not put the requirements of this legislation into place can not be determined at this time.

Additional costs to the Department of Education to convene a working group to advise the commissioner on the adoption of a policy on the management of head injuries in school activities can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.