



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1197

LR 1000(02)

## An Act To Amend Standards for Participation in Certain Public School Services by Students Who Are Homeschooled

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

<b>Required Activity</b>	<b>Unit Affected</b>	<b>Local Cost</b>
Requires school administrative units to provide special education services to home schooled students in the same manner as provided to private school students.	School	Moderate 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

Additional costs to school administrative units to meet with parents of home schooled students to determine what services the SAU can provide can not be determined at this time and will depend on the number of home schooled students who need special education services want those services to be provided by the SAU. Since federal law requires that a portion of the federal special education funding that is allocated to each SAU be set aside for serving private school students, the additional cost of providing services to home schooled students would be absorbed within each SAU's federal funding that has been set aside. This may result in fewer services being provided to private school students.

The Department of Education has indicated that the funding currently included in LD 1043, the Governor's proposed budget for the 2012-2013 biennium for post secondary course payments should be sufficient to cover the participation of students who are home schooled.