



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Increase Consumption of Maine Foods in All State Institutions

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires local school administrative units that do not participate in the National School Lunch Program to track and purchase a minimum percentage of Maine foodstuffs directly from Maine food producers or food brokers.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

Moderate
limited scope

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

Establishing benchmarks for the purchase of foodstuffs produced or harvested by Maine producers will increase costs beginning in fiscal year 2019-20. The additional costs to state institutions cannot be estimated at this time, but a pricing sample of meat and frozen products indicate the additional costs could exceed \$250,000 per year.

Additional costs to the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy to comply with the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.