



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Ensure the Successful Implementation of Proficiency-based Diplomas by Extending the Timeline for Phasing in Their Implementation

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$593,353	\$673,959	\$705,698
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$593,353	\$673,959	\$705,698

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation removes the requirement that local school administrative units (SAU's) award proficiency-based diplomas and instead allows SAU's to choose between awarding diplomas based on either proficiency-based standards or high school diploma standards.

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$593,353 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Department of Education for the costs of supporting 2 different systems of awarding high school diplomas. Of this total, \$387,129 is provided to the Learning Systems Team program for 2 Regional Education Representative positions and 2 Management Analyst I positions and related All Other costs to provide the necessary technical assistance to schools and \$206,224 is provided to the School Finance and Operations Team for 2 Public Service Coordinator positions and related All Other costs to support the additional monitoring, data tracking, school approval requirements and other reporting requirements.