



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1549

LR 1699(02)

An Act To Increase the Supplement for Certain National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certified Teachers in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation increases the amount of the salary supplement paid to certain eligible teachers who have attained certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards from \$3,000 to \$5,000 beginning in fiscal year 2020-21. The bill requires the Department of Education to determine the cost of this provision and report the amount to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 1, 2020 and authorizes the committee to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

The cost of providing the national board certification salary supplement is included in the calculation of the total cost of public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as part of the targeted education funds. Unless the State provides 100% of the funding needed to cover the cost of the increase in the supplement beginning in fiscal year 2020-21, the department may choose to continue its current practice of providing a prorated salary supplement in order to stay within current funding levels.