



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act Regarding School Discipline for Maine's Youngest Children**

**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Rep. Morales of South Portland**

**Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Potential current biennium cost increase - Local school administrative units

Potential current biennium savings - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation makes the receipt of state funding under Title 20-A, chapter 606-B, Essential Programs and Services, contingent upon the adoption of a districtwide student code of conduct. Although the bill is silent on how this requirement will be enforced, it may result in a loss of state subsidy to those local school administrative units that have not adopted the policy. Decisions on how this loss of funding will be addressed will be made at the local level and could impact local taxpayers. Unexpended funds in the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools at the end of a fiscal year are carried forward into the next fiscal year to be used for the purposes it was appropriated for.

Additional costs to the Department of Education to create and annually update a list of available free and low-cost legal services can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.