



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 587**LR 810(01)****An Act to Require Cardiac Emergency Response Plans and Athletic Emergency Action Plans for Schools and School-sponsored Athletic Events****Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill****Sponsor: Sen. Rafferty of York****Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,800,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,800,000	\$0	\$0

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires school administrative units (SAUs) to develop a cardiac emergency response plan and an athletic emergency action plan that includes the placement of automated external defibrillators in occupied school buildings and in each athletic venue on school property as well as ongoing personnel training on cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the use of automated external defibrillators and annual practice drills beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.	School	Unknown

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1.8 million in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Department of Education for the cost to SAUs to implement a cardiac emergency response plan, including the purchase and maintenance of automated external defibrillators, cardiopulmonary resuscitation training for faculty and personnel, educational materials and basic first aid training. This preliminary fiscal impact statement assumes that the funding provided in this bill is sufficient to cover 90% of the cost of the required activities in this legislation. Additional General Fund appropriations may be required if the actual cost to SAUs exceed this amount.