

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1118****LR 1348(01)****An Act to Establish a Permanent Free Community College Program for Maine****Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill****Sponsor: Rep. Sargent of York****Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The Maine Community College System will require ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$12.5 million per year beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 to implement the Maine Free Community College Program which provides a waiver for the payment of tuition and mandatory fees for eligible students.

Part EEEE of LD 210, the Governor's proposed budget for the 2026-2027 biennium, also includes language that make permanent the Maine Free Community College Program with similar eligibility requirements as in this legislation. General Fund appropriations of \$12.5 million per year beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 are also included in Part A of the bill.