



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 449

LR 1003(07)

An Act To Strengthen the Ability of Public Employers and Teachers' Unions To Negotiate

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

H "A" (H-540)

S "A" (S-592) to H "A" (H-540)

Committee: Labor and Housing

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$52,200	\$52,200	\$52,200
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$52,200	\$52,200	\$52,200

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires local school administrative units (SAUs) that would have included the exception to the mutual obligation to meet requirement in a collective bargaining agreement to meet within 10 days after a written notice from the other party is made. This requirement may increase costs to those SAUs for legal and other services.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

\$58,000

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 provides ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$52,200 per year beginning in fiscal year 2021-22 to a newly created State Mandate Reimbursement - Collective Bargaining program within the Department of Education to reimburse certain SAU's that would have included the exception to the mutual obligation to meet requirement in a collective bargaining agreement for 90% of legal and other expenses incurred to meet and negotiate within 10 days after a written notice from the other party is made due to the exception being repealed. Any unspent balances at the end of a fiscal year will lapse to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.