

125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 326

LR 181(02)

An Act To Require That School Administrative Units Bear the Burden of Proving That an Individualized Education Program Is Appropriate

> Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " " Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

| State Mandates | | |
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| Required Activity | Unit Affected | Local Cost |
| Requires that the burden of proof in a due process hearing to determine whether an | School | Moderate |
| individualized education program developed by a school administrative unit meets | | statewide |
| the needs of a child with a disability be placed on the school administrative unit. | | |

Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the state from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional costs.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation may result in additional costs to the Department of Education due to a potential increase in the number of filings for due process hearings. The impact to the department and to local school administrative units can not be determined at this time.