



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Extend the Length of the School Day

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Dow of Waldoboro

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

State Mandate - Unfunded

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$171,442,659	\$174,391,473
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$171,442,659	\$174,391,473

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires that a school instructional day must be at least 5 hours and 45 minutes.	School	Significant statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Extending the school day to 5 hours and 45 minutes is estimated to increase the total state and local cost of K-12 public education by \$311,713,926 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$317,075,406 in fiscal year 2014-15. The General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$171,442,659 and \$174,391,473 in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15, respectively, to fund the State's required 55% share. These amounts are reflected in the suggested appropriations above.

In order to fully fund 90% of additional cost of extending the school day to 5 hours and 45 minutes, the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$199,099,874 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$110,976,392 in fiscal year 2012-13. These amounts are not reflected in the suggested appropriations above as the option exists to add the exempting mandate preamble.

	Fiscal Year 2013-14	Fiscal Year 2014-15
State and Local expenditures ¹	\$ 2,078,092,842	\$ 2,113,836,039
Current number of school days	180	180
Estimated expenditures per school day	\$ 11,544,960	\$ 11,743,534
Estimated # of hours in a current school day	5	5
Estimated expenditures per hour in current school day	2,308,992	2,348,707
Proposed increase in school day (45 minutes)	0.75	0.75
Number of days per week	5	5
Number of weeks per year	36	36
Increase to total cost of K-12 Education:	\$ 311,713,926	\$ 317,075,406
Transition %	100%	100%
Total cost adjusted for transition %	\$ 311,713,926	\$ 317,075,406
State share (%)	55%	55%
State share (\$)	\$ 171,442,659	\$ 174,391,473
Local share (\$)	\$ 140,271,267	\$ 142,683,933
Total General Fund cost to fund 90% of requirement	\$ 280,542,534	\$ 285,367,865
Additional GF appropriation required	\$ 109,099,874	\$ 110,976,392
Local share @ 10%	\$ 31,171,393	\$ 31,707,541

Notes:

¹ Based on fiscal year 2009-10 actual expenditures, excluding debt service, increased by Real Personal Income growth of 1.72% per year per Title 20-A, §15671.