

126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Fix and Improve the System Used To Evaluate or Rate Public Schools in Maine

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

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation requires the Commissioner of Education to convene a task force to develop a school assessment system to evaluate or rate the performance of public schools in the State and to implement that assessment system beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. The cost to the Department of Education associated with implementing the assessment system can not be determined at this time and may depend on the recommendations of the task force and approval of legislation during the 2nd Regular Session of the 126th Legislature. Even without future legislation, the department would still be required by this bill to implement a school assessment system.

Additional costs associated with convening the task force and conducting the required review can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.