



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Ensure Proper Funding for Teacher Retirement

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Kumiega, III of Deer Isle

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$18,944,530	\$19,638,890	\$19,638,890	\$19,638,890
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$18,944,530	\$19,638,890	\$19,638,890	\$19,638,890

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Teacher Retirement program within the Department of Education will require new General Fund appropriations of \$18,944,530 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$19,638,890 in fiscal year 2016-17 to fund the portion of normal teacher retirement costs currently paid by school administrative units. The current state share of the normal cost of teacher retirement, \$18,346,560 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$18,957,388 in fiscal year 2016-17, would be deappropriated from the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program and appropriated through the Teacher Retirement program to aggregate all the state funding in one program.

This preliminary fiscal impact statement assumes that the initiatives affecting funding for the normal cost component for teacher retirement in the Governor's 2016-2017 Biennial Budget are enacted as proposed. The fiscal impact of this bill may need to be revised based on final legislative action on that budget.