



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 175(03)

An Act to Ensure a High-quality Education for Students with Disabilities by Clarifying the Definition of "State Agency Client" and Who Provides Special Education Programs and Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-327)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Contingent current biennium cost increase - school administrative units

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Increasing the age of children with a disability in the care or custody of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or the Department of Corrections (DOC) who are entitled to receive a free, appropriate public education from under the age of 20 to under the age of 22 will increase the total cost of public education from kindergarten to grade 12 and the State's share of that cost beginning in fiscal year 2023-24. The fiscal impact cannot be determined and will depend on the number of students entering or leaving residential care or the custody of DHHS and/or the DOC. Funding to provide these services up to age 20 is included in the targeted education funds component of the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12 pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 1. Whether that funding is sufficient to cover the additional children through age 22 is not known at this time. If adding the additional children causes the total cost to provide services to exceed the amount of funding budgeted, local school administrative units will be responsible for 100% of the additional costs.