



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Establish a Rating System for Books in School Libraries

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires local school administrative units to assign content ratings for books or other written material in a school library that are not assigned a standard content rating and affix to the front cover of the book or written material a label indicating its assigned content rating. Also requires school administrative units to change the content rating for a book or written material if, after review, the Department of Education assigns a different rating.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

Moderate statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education associated with the rulemaking process can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.