



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1228

LR 585(01)

**An Act to Prohibit Certain Higher Education Institutions from Requiring Vaccines Approved Under
Emergency Use Authorization for Admission or Attendance**

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Smith of Palermo

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Contingent revenue loss - public higher educational institutions

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill prohibits the University of Maine System (UMS), the Maine Community College System (MCCS) and the Maine Maritime Academy from requiring a student to be immunized with a vaccine that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration under emergency use authorization as a condition of acceptance or attendance. The UMS and the MCCS have indicated their concern that this prohibition may lead to a loss of tuition and other revenue if a contagious illness results in a refund or proration of tuition and other fees as happened during the COVID-19 pandemic. This fiscal note makes no assumption as to whether the enactment of this bill will result in such actions occurring in the future.