



**Fiscal Notes for
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128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 8

LR 372(03)

An Act To Provide Training for Forest Rangers To Carry Firearms

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-451)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$136,531	\$5,951	\$5,951	\$5,951
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$136,531	\$5,951	\$5,951	\$5,951

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would modify certification standards of, and create a training program for, forest rangers within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to allow them to carry firearms in the line of duty. It directs the Maine Criminal Justice Academy (MCJA) to develop a forest ranger specific law enforcement training program in conjunction with the ACF.

This bill includes appropriations of \$87,899 to purchase firearms, ammunition, holsters and lockboxes to arm forest rangers, \$13,330 for firearms training and \$35,302 for overtime staffing in fiscal year 2017-18. Also, starting in fiscal year 2018-19 all forest rangers will complete annual firearms certification requiring an appropriation of \$5,951. The department has indicated that 50 Rangers currently classified as Forest Ranger II positions will need to be reclassified with a salary equivalent to a Game Warden or Marine Patrol Officer. If such a reclassification occurs the cost is estimated to be \$9,880 per position for a total of \$494,000. This cost is not included in this fiscal note.

Current statute provides that Forest Rangers have law enforcement authority but they are exempt from having to complete the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program (BLETP) required of other law enforcement officers because they do not carry a firearm. With the issuance of firearms the ACF has indicated that it will require forest rangers who have not already completed the BLETP to complete a newly developed forest ranger specific basic law enforcement training program within 5 years. Because this program has yet to be developed, no appropriation for this cost is made at this time. Currently there are 59 positions that would need to complete the newly created training program. The department projects that they will begin to cycle through training at a rate of 5 positions per year starting in fiscal year 2018-19. Using the current BLETP as an estimate, this training would have an annual cost of \$36,403 in tuition and \$72,366 for overtime to fill coverage requirements.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 20

LR 959(03)

An Act To Reimburse Nursing Homes for the Loss of Coinsurance and Deductibles for Skilled Nursing Beds under Rules Adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-39)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$492,810	\$636,217	\$636,217	\$636,217
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$492,810	\$636,217	\$636,217	\$636,217
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$1,048,270	\$1,335,101	\$1,335,101	\$1,335,101
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$77,815	\$103,754	\$103,754	\$103,754
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$1,048,270	\$1,335,101	\$1,335,101	\$1,335,101
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$77,815	\$103,754	\$103,754	\$103,754

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$492,810 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$636,217 in fiscal year 2018-19 to reimburse nursing homes for the losses of coinsurance and deductibles for skilled nursing beds under rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services as required in Public Law 2013, chapter 368, including an additional cost for Office of Information Technology development and testing of technological changes required under this bill. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included in this bill for the FMAP match and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations for the Service Provider Tax.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 27

LR 503(03)

An Act To Exempt Sales to Parent-Teacher Organizations from the Sales Tax

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-100)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$7,350	\$10,094	\$10,079	\$10,381
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$7,350)	(\$10,094)	(\$10,079)	(\$10,381)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$150)	(\$206)	(\$530)	(\$546)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill proposes a sales tax exemption to parent-teacher organizations and would result in a reduction in General Fund revenue of \$7,350 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$10,094 in fiscal year 2018-19 and a reduction in Local Government Fund revenue of \$150 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$206 in fiscal year 2018-19.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 31

LR 107(03)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each Congressional District

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-503)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-17	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 38

LR 157(04)

An Act To Strengthen the Maine Children's Growth Council

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-64)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Maine Children's Growth Council, within the Department of Health and Human Services, of \$25,000 beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 for one part-time coordinator position and additional costs to support the activities of the Maine Children's Growth Council.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 49

LR 83(04)

An Act To Improve Science and Engineering Education for Maine's Students

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-497)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$5,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$5,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$5,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$105,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Learning Systems Team program within the Department of Education for the costs associated with including a core of science standards for kindergarten to grade 12 aligned to the "Next Generation Science Standards" in the statewide system of learning results beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Of the amounts, \$5,000 in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 is provided for rulemaking, professional develop and technical assistance and \$100,000 is provided in fiscal year 2018-19 for the development and adoption of a new assessment for the science standards.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 59

LR 953(03)

An Act To Provide Funding for a Therapeutic Adult Day Service Center

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-168)
Committee: Health and Human Services**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$150,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 for start-up costs for the Maine Highlands Senior Center in Dover-Foxcroft to provide therapeutic adult day care.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 79

LR 552(03)

An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Career and Technical Student Organizations

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-27)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$3,872	\$2,019	\$2,016	\$2,076
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$1,372)	(\$2,019)	(\$2,016)	(\$2,076)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$28)	(\$41)	(\$106)	(\$109)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill creates a sales tax exemption for nonprofit career and technical student organizations and would result in a loss of General Fund and Local Government Fund revenue of \$1,372 and \$28, respectively, in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$2,019 and \$41, respectively, in fiscal year 2018-19. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services of \$2,500 in fiscal year 2017-18 for programming costs.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 82

LR 344(03)

An Act To Exempt Permanently Disabled Veterans from Payment of Property Tax

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-94)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$11,200	\$4,750,000	\$4,875,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$11,200	\$4,750,000	\$4,875,000

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires municipalities to process additional property tax exemption applications as a result of expanding the exemption to veterans receiving a 100% service-connected disability.

Unit Affected

Municipality

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

This bill provides a 100% property tax exemption to veterans receiving a 100% service-connected disability and municipalities will receive reimbursement for 100% of their property tax loss from the State. The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$11,200 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to reimburse municipalities for 90% of the mandated administrative costs of implementing this exemption. Additional future General Fund appropriations will be needed beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 to reimburse municipalities for 100% of the exemption.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 85

LR 59(03)

An Act Regarding Public Service Berthing Vessels Licensed for the Sale of Liquor

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-11)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$45,889	\$66,973	\$68,846	\$70,772
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$57,789	\$78,873	\$80,746	\$82,672
Revenue				
General Fund	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$11,900

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$57,789 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$78,873 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for one half-time Liquor License Inspector position, one half-time Office Associate II position and related All Other expenditures to implement new licensing and enforcement requirements of the bill.

The bill makes public service berthing vessels eligible for Class V liquor licenses to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor and adds a new single-event Class V liquor license with a fee of \$100 to the existing annual license with a fee of \$495. This fiscal note assumes revenue of \$11,900 annually from 20 new Class V liquor licenses and 20 new single-event Class V liquor licenses.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 89

LR 996(05)

An Act To Provide Emergency Repair Funding for the Restoration of the Official State Vessel, the Schooner Bowdoin

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-101)

H "A" (H-286) to C "A" (S-101)

Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 to the Maritime Academy - Operations program within the Maine Maritime Academy for the restoration of the schooner Bowdoin.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 100

LR 442(03)

An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Detectives in the Office of the Attorney General

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-174)

Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing detectives employed in the Office of the Attorney General on or after July 1, 2018 to participate in the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System will increase both the normal cost and unfunded actuarial liability components of the employer retirement rate, resulting in increased employer contributions to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for detectives beginning in fiscal year 2018-19.

This legislation includes a transition provision for those detectives hired by the Office of the Attorney General prior to July 1, 2018 which allows these employees to elect to participate in the 1998 Special Plan by December 1, 2018. Based on an analysis performed by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, this fiscal note assumes that 7 of the 12 eligible detectives will elect to participate in the 1998 Special Plan as soon as the option becomes available and the remaining detectives with opt to stay in the State Regular Plan. This provision is estimated to have a General Fund cost to the Office of the Attorney General \$3,074 in fiscal year 2018-19, a Federal Expenditures Fund cost of \$6,271 in fiscal year 2018-19 and an Other Special Revenue Funds cost of \$1,630 in fiscal year 2018-19 for the costs associated with moving the positions to the 1998 Special Plan.

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$3,074 to the Personal Services line category and a deappropriation of \$3,074 to the All Other line category within the Office of the Attorney General's Administration - Attorney General program for fiscal year 2018-19 to fund the General Fund cost of this provision. The Office of the Attorney General has indicated that sufficient funds will be available within its proposed budgeted resources for fiscal year 2018-19 to support the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds costs of this bill without needing additional allocations.

If any of the detectives hired by the Office of the Attorney General prior to July 1, 2018 who choose to remain in the State Regular Plan eventually retire or otherwise vacate their positions, any newly hired detectives will be placed in the 1998 Special Plan. The additional cost to the Office of the Attorney General to fill these positions at the higher employer contribution rate is estimated to be between \$2,000 and \$3,000 per position annually. When this additional cost will be incurred and which fund will be impacted can not be determined at this time.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 106

LR 65(03)

An Act To Provide MaineCare Coverage for Dental Services to Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-245)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$123,465	\$246,930	\$246,930	\$246,930
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$123,465	\$246,930	\$246,930	\$246,930
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$222,763	\$445,526	\$445,526	\$445,526

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$123,465 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$246,930 in fiscal year 2018-19 to expand MaineCare dental services to a person 21 years of age or older who receives home and community-based support benefits under the MaineCare program pursuant to a 1915(c) waiver. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 111

LR 350(08)

An Act To Establish an Additional Veterans Treatment Court

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-331)

H "B" (H-488) to C "A" (H-331)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$135,800	\$139,400	\$139,400	\$139,400
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$135,800	\$139,400	\$139,400	\$139,400

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes annual General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$125,000 beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 for case management services provided by the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services for a veterans treatment program.

This bill also includes General Fund appropriations of \$10,800 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$14,400 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Judicial Department to establish a Veterans Court. The Governor's biennial budget for the 2018-2019 biennium, LD 390, provides funding to increase the rate paid to Active Retired Judges. The appropriations in this bill may need to be revised based on final resolution of the biennial budget.

The funding in this bill is only for 4 years, fiscal year 2017-18 through fiscal year 2020-21.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 130

LR 1183(03)

An Act To Provide Funding for Costs Associated with Requiring the Licensing of Midwives

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-9)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$57,368	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$71,288	\$24,046	\$21,261	\$21,262
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$13,920	\$24,636	\$27,780	\$31,155
Transfers				
General Fund	(\$57,368)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$57,368	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations totaling \$71,288 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$24,046 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation for the cost associated with requiring individuals practicing midwifery in the State to be licensed by January 1, 2020. Of that amount, \$67,808 and \$20,989 in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19, respectively, are allocated to the Licensing and Enforcement program for the per diem and All Other costs associated with adding 2 members to the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers and for contracted staffing services to assist the board in establishing the new licensing requirement for individuals practicing midwifery in the State. Additionally, \$3,480 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$3,057 in fiscal year 2018-19 are allocated to the Administrative Services Division for the service center and STA-CAP charges.

This fiscal note assumes that the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers will be ready to accept and process applications for the licensure of certified midwives and certified professional midwives during fiscal year 2017-18 and that 20 midwives will submit the required information and fees before June 30, 2018. This fiscal note also assumes an additional 16 midwives will apply for licensure in fiscal year 2018-19. The estimated increases in dedicated revenues to the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers from licensing and other fees are \$13,920 and \$24,636 in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19, respectively. This estimate assumes licensing and renewal fees are established at the \$675 annual cap and that fees for background checks are \$21 per applicant.

Because revenues from licensing fees and other fees are not expected to be sufficient to support the additional costs to the board in fiscal year 2017-18, General Fund support will be required. This bill includes language that requires the State Controller to transfer \$57,368 in fiscal year 2017-18 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Licensing and Enforcement program, Other Special Revenue Funds account, within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, no later than October 15, 2017 to fund a portion of the first year costs of this legislation.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 162

LR 1311(03)

An Act To Improve Care Provided to Forensic Patients

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-482)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to build a forensic stepdown facility in Augusta called the Riverview Forensic Treatment and Rehabilitation Center. DHHS has presented information to the legislature that the cost for a forensic stepdown facility is estimated at between 2 to 3 million dollars and that it already has sufficient resources to build the facility. DHHS is in the planning process to build such a facility in Bangor. This fiscal note assumes that the resources assigned to the Bangor facility would be used for the Riverview Forensic Treatment and Rehabilitation Center and that no additional appropriations are required.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 170

LR 1745(03)

An Act To Allow and Recognize a Legal Name Change upon Marriage

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-274)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$44,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$44,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$44,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 for the Office of Information Technology to deliver the technology updates and testing to change the marriage license and certificate. The delivery and testing for these changes will likely be part of the next available release of code, which will not happen until the first quarter of fiscal year 2019.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 173

LR 1275(03)

An Act To Reduce Food Insecurity

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-121)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes annual appropriations of \$2,500,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry starting in fiscal year 2017-18 to contract with the Good Shepard Food Bank or a successor organization for statewide hunger relief services.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 174

LR 163(03)

An Act To Require Schools To Submit Pest Management Activity Logs and Inspection Results to the Board of Pesticides Control for the Purposes of Providing Information to the Public

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-374)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires local school administrative units to submit a pest management activity log to the Board of Pesticide Control by January 15th of each year for the previous calendar year. Local school administrative units currently prepare a pest management activity log with the required data pursuant to rules established by the Board of Pesticide Control.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

Insignificant 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.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 182

LR 412(04)

An Act To Protect Firefighters by Establishing a Prohibition on the Sale and Distribution of New Upholstered Furniture Containing Certain Flame-retardant Chemicals

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-215)

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$54,481	\$65,909	\$66,896	\$68,125
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$54,481	\$65,909	\$66,896	\$68,125

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill directs the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to adopt rules to implement a prohibition on the sale of furniture containing flame retardant chemicals. In order to effectively implement these rules, the DEP has indicated it will need to develop a product labeling and registration program for manufacturers and a product sampling and testing program for certification. The DEP estimates that 25 products at a cost of \$12,500 will be purchased annually for product sampling. The laboratory testing for the product sampling is projected to have an annual cost of \$12,500. This bill includes annual General Fund appropriations of \$25,900 starting in fiscal year 2017-18 for product purchase, testing and technology costs.

This bill also includes General Fund appropriations of \$28,581 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$40,009 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the DEP for one part-time Environmental Specialist III position to develop and initiate the prohibition program and to coordinate laboratory testing of furniture products.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 192

LR 359(03)

An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-177)

Committee: Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$53,991	\$53,991
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$1,629	\$1,629
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$53,991	\$53,991
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$1,629	\$1,629

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill has an effective date of January 1, 2019, so only contracts executed after January 1, 2019 will be required to meet the coverage in this bill. Thus, the State Employee Health Plan will require no General Fund appropriations or Highway Fund allocations in the current biennium. It is estimated that this bill will have an annual impact of \$53,991 to the General Fund and \$1,629 to the Highway Fund for the increased costs for coverage of hearing aids beginning on July 1, 2019.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 197

LR 556(03)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Explicitly Protect against Sex Discrimination

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-133)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-17	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 203

LR 1392(04)

An Act To Opt Out of Federal Daylight Saving Time and To Ask the United States Secretary of Transportation To Place the State in the Atlantic Time Zone

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-76)
Committee: State and Local Government**

Fiscal Note

Contingent current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Contingent	General	Referendum	Standard

If Massachusetts and New Hampshire adopt placement in the Atlantic Standard Time Zone, the question would be placed on the subsequent November ballot. The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election each year. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Secretary of State associated with monitoring legislative activities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire and requesting the United States Secretary of Transportation to place Maine in the Atlantic time zone can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 206

LR 9(03)

An Act To Exempt Feminine Hygiene Products from Sales Tax

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-196)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$553,896	\$768,069	\$774,339	\$805,313
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$553,896)	(\$768,069)	(\$774,339)	(\$805,313)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$11,304)	(\$15,675)	(\$40,755)	(\$42,385)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides a sales tax exemption for feminine hygiene products and would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$553,896 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$768,069 in fiscal year 2018-19 and a loss of Local Government Fund revenue of \$11,304 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$15,675 in fiscal year 2018-19.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 230

LR 1287(04)

An Act To Increase Access to Head Start

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-66)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$2,575,000	\$2,575,000	\$2,575,000	\$2,575,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$2,575,000	\$2,575,000	\$2,575,000	\$2,575,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$2,575,000 beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 for the delivery of Head Start services.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 243

LR 2223(04)

An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act to Provide Licensing, Rulemaking and Regulatory and Enforcement Authority within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services; Assign Rulemaking, Regulatory and Enforcement Authority Related to Agricultural Purposes to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; and Allocate Funds for Implementation

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-221)

Committee: Marijuana Legalization Implementation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)					
General Fund	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations					
General Fund	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers					
General Fund	(\$1,400,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Retail Marijuana Regulatory Coordination Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS). It provides for a \$1,400,000 transfer from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2016-17 to the fund and includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$1,400,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 for use by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations (BABLO) within DAFS and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) to conduct rulemaking, enter into contracts with consultants, hire staff and implement other activities of this bill. The BABLO is assigned as the state licensing authority to regulate and control the licensing of the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing and sale of retail marijuana and the licensure of retail marijuana social clubs. The bill retains the DACF as the state regulatory authority regarding marijuana cultivation, marijuana seeds, clones, seedlings, plants, use of pesticides, harvesting, storage, preparation, manufacturing, production, labeling and testing of retail marijuana.

The bill also includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 in 2016-17 to the Legislature to provide resources for the Joint Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation for the costs of consultant services and necessary travel and expenses and any other purposes determined to be appropriate to assist the committee in the performance of its duties.

Both BABLO and DACF have indicated that additional positions are required to implement the provisions of the bill. Additional appropriations or allocations may be required in the intermediary period between this bill and the full program implementation of marijuana legalization.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 267

LR 990(03)

Resolve, To Increase Certain Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-21)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$25,955	\$51,909	\$51,909	\$51,909
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$25,955	\$51,909	\$51,909	\$51,909
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$46,829	\$93,658	\$93,658	\$93,658
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$46,829	\$93,658	\$93,658	\$93,658

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$25,955 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$51,909 in fiscal year 2018-19 for the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 15 to increase reimbursement rates for chiropractic services for manipulative treatments under procedure codes 98940, 98941 and 98942 to no less than 70% of the federal Medicare reimbursement rate for these services as long as the rate is no lower than the rate reimbursed as of January 1, 2017. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 285

LR 1306(03)

An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Coworking Development Fund

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-114)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 to the Maine Coworking Development Fund within the Department of Economic and Community Development to support collaborative workspace businesses.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 288

LR 537(03)

An Act To Limit Questions Regarding Criminal History on State Employment Applications

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-242)
Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$108,568	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$108,568	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$108,568 in fiscal year 2017-18 for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for required computer modifications.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 289

LR 185(04)

An Act To Extend the Veteran Property Tax Exemption to Veterans Who Have Served on Active Duty

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-232)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$15,000	\$430,000	\$445,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$15,000	\$430,000	\$445,000

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires municipalities to process additional property tax exemption applications as a result of expanding the exemption to any veteran at least 62 years of age who has served on active duty or has a qualifying disability.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

\$15,000

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$15,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to reimburse municipalities for administrative costs associated with implementing this property tax exemption.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides a property tax exemption to veterans at least 62 years of age who have served on active duty or have qualifying disabilities. General Fund appropriations will be required beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 to reimburse municipalities for 50% of the exemption as required by the Maine Constitution, Article IV, Part 3, Section 23.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 290

LR 901(03)

An Act To Phase Out the Insurance Premium Tax on Annuities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-282)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,031,000	\$2,528,000	\$4,103,000	\$5,678,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$33,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$998,000)	(\$2,528,000)	(\$4,103,000)	(\$5,678,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Phasing out the insurance premium tax over 4 years would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$998,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$2,528,000 in fiscal year 2018-19. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services of \$33,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 to adjust the premium tax return to reflect updated rates for annuity premiums.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 320

LR 325(03)

An Act To Provide MaineCare Coverage for Chiropractic Treatment

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-199)
Committee: Health and Human Services**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$67,661	\$90,239	\$90,239	\$90,239
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$67,661	\$90,239	\$90,239	\$90,239
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$122,130	\$162,815	\$162,815	\$162,815
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$122,130	\$162,815	\$162,815	\$162,815

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$67,661 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$90,239 in fiscal year 2018-19 for chiropractic evaluation and management examinations to be reimbursed under the MaineCare program. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 323

LR 1771(03)

An Act To Fully Fund the Waiting List for the Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder Waiver

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-257)
Committee: Health and Human Services**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$7,927,093	\$32,467,412	\$43,763,964	\$43,766,433
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$7,927,093	\$32,467,412	\$43,763,964	\$43,766,433
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$17,000,531	\$70,229,390	\$94,729,326	\$94,729,326
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,585,377	\$6,549,213	\$8,833,944	\$8,833,944
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$1,700,531	\$70,229,390	\$94,729,326	\$94,729,326
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,585,377	\$6,549,213	\$8,833,944	\$8,833,944

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$7,927,093 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$32,467,412 in fiscal year 2018-19 to fully fund the waiting list for community-based services provided under the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 21 relating to home and community benefits for members with intellectual disabilities or autistic disorder. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations are also included for the service provider tax.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 328

LR 1758(03)

An Act To Encourage Regional Planning and Reorganization

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-150)
Committee: State and Local Government**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes one-time General Fund appropriations to the Fund for Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services - Administration within the Department of Economic and Community Development to encourage regional planning and reorganization for towns and municipalities to decrease the duplication of services. Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A, Chapter 231, §6204, the department may use the fund to cover its administrative costs, so no additional General Fund support is required. The additional costs to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services are expected to be minor.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 346

LR 176(03)

An Act To Make Abuse of Corpse a Class C Crime

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-111)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the class of a crime from Class D to Class C.

Increases correctional, indigent legal and judicial costs.

May shift correctional costs from the counties to the State.

The collection of additional fine revenue may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 358

LR 1612(03)

An Act To Close the Gap in Children's Health Care Coverage in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-260)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$747,989)	(\$997,067)	(\$997,067)	(\$473,382)
Highway Fund	(\$23,684)	(\$31,578)	(\$31,578)	(\$31,578)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$747,989)	(\$997,067)	(\$997,067)	(\$473,382)
Highway Fund	(\$23,684)	(\$31,578)	(\$31,578)	(\$31,578)
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$1,857,718	\$2,476,705	\$2,476,705	\$1,953,020

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$36,946 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$49,513 in fiscal year 2018-19 to allow children of state employees to be eligible for the State Children's Health Insurance Program as long as they meet the other eligibility requirements. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match.

The bill includes General Fund deappropriations to the State Employee Health Plan of \$784,935 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$1,046,580 in fiscal year 2018-19 and Highway Fund deallocations of \$23,684 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$31,578 in fiscal year 2018-19 to reflect savings as children of state employees who are eligible for the State Children's Health Insurance Program will no longer be part of the State Employee Health Plan, if they meet the other eligibility requirements.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 367

LR 2172(03)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Develop a Long-range Strategic Plan for Economic Improvement in the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-493)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$270,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$270,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$270,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$120,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Maine Economic Growth Council within the Department of Economic and Community Development to develop and maintain a long-range strategic economic improvement plan for the State. Of these amounts, \$150,000 is provided on a one-time basis in fiscal year 2017-18 for the initial development of the plan and \$120,000 is provided annually beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 for the ongoing costs of monitoring, assessing and revising the plan.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 377

LR 883(03)

Resolve, To Establish the York County Jail Drug Detoxification and Rehabilitation Pilot Program

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-112)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$975,000	\$975,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$975,000	\$975,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$975,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and fiscal year 2018-19 only for the Department of Corrections to fund the York County Jail Detoxification and Rehabilitation Pilot Program.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 401

LR 1008(03)

An Act To Require Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-109)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$17,690	\$35,390	\$35,390	\$35,390
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$17,690	\$35,390	\$35,390	\$35,390
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$31,932	\$63,854	\$63,854	\$63,854
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$31,932	\$63,854	\$63,854	\$63,854

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$17,690 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$35,390 in fiscal year 2018-19 to provide reimbursement to hospitals other than critical access hospitals for each day after the 10th day that a MaineCare-eligible individual is in the care of a hospital while awaiting placement in a nursing facility, beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2023. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 423

LR 199(05)

An Act To Extend Internet Availability in Rural Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-17)

H "A" (H-19)

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 to the Maine State Library to provide mobile wireless hot spot devices to libraries in Washington County.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 449

LR 1231(03)

An Act To Add Domestic Violence against the Victim as an Aggravating Factor in Sentencing for Murder

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-79)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

May increase the length of certain sentences for murder; increased correctional costs all coming at end of sentences.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 456

LR 1734(08)

An Act To Increase Access to Vaccinations

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-208)

S "B" (S-263) to C "A" (H-208)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$73,600	\$75,841	\$162,860	\$167,903
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$73,600	\$75,841	\$162,860	\$167,903

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$73,600 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$75,841 in fiscal year 2018-19 for one Office Associate II position to handle the additional work required to add 200 existing pharmacists to the Maine Immunization Program (MIP). Additionally, there is one Comprehensive Health Planner I position which starts after the current biennium. The MIP grant is a federal grant. However, it would not be able to support the additional positions that are required.

Additional costs to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy, to implement the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within the board's existing budgeted resources.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 491

LR 1248(03)

An Act To Extend the Allowed Time for the Interchange of Educators between School Administrative Units and the Department of Education

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-65)

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - Workers' Compensation Management Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Increasing the maximum period of time that educators may participate in an interchange program with the Department of Education extends the length of time that the State may be held responsible if an educator participating in the program experiences a personal injury that results in a disability or death. The impact to the State's Workers' Compensation Management Fund will depend on actual experience.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 503

LR 1814(03)

An Act To Continue the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-31)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$16,000,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$16,000,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$16,000,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Doctors For Maine's Future Scholarship Fund within the Finance Authority of Maine to establish an endowment to continue the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12103-A.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 513

LR 998(05)

An Act To Increase the Maximum Pension Deduction for State Income Tax

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "B" (S-119)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$20,251,700	\$28,118,160	\$41,470,350	\$58,325,250
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$20,251,700)	(\$28,118,160)	(\$41,470,350)	(\$58,325,250)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$603,210)	(\$1,074,050)	(\$2,993,005)	(\$4,319,900)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill increases the pension deduction from \$10,000 to \$35,000 over a 5 year period. It would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$20,251,700 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$28,118,160 in fiscal year 2018-19 and a loss of Local Government Fund revenue of \$413,210 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$574,050 in fiscal year 2018-19. It would also reduce revenue to the Fund to Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education by \$190,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2018-19.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 517

LR 975(03)

An Act To Amend Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities and for Residential Care Facilities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-91)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$26,448	\$28,862	\$28,862	\$28,862
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$26,448	\$28,862	\$28,862	\$28,862
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$57,401	\$62,609	\$62,609	\$62,609
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$5,352	\$5,839	\$5,839	\$5,839
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$57,401	\$62,609	\$62,609	\$62,609
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$5,352	\$5,839	\$5,839	\$5,839

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$26,448 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$28,862 in fiscal year 2018-19 for nursing facilities to increase the cap on the cost of a Medical Director from \$10,000 to \$22,000. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations for the increased nursing facilities tax.

This bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to permit capital expenditures by residential care facilities (RCF) that are less than \$500,000 without prior approval and to provide an extraordinary circumstance allowance in permitted reimbursement to RCF's. Costs incurred by an RCF to comply with federal or state laws, regulations and rules shall be considered reasonable and necessary costs. These additional changes to the Residential Care Facilities will increase costs that will largely be necessitated by decisions of the RCFs that cannot be projected by the department. Since new construction, acquisitions, and renovations apply to room and board and not direct care, which cannot be reimbursed with federal funds per 42 CFR 440.182, it is also expected that these costs would be reimbursed entirely by the General Fund.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 524

LR 1244(03)

An Act To Amend the Laws on Domestic Violence

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-138)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$10,944	\$14,592	\$14,592	\$14,592
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$10,944	\$14,592	\$14,592	\$14,592

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the class of a crime from Class D to Class C, increases correctional and judicial costs.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$10,944 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$14,592 in fiscal year 2018-19 for the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services for the additional costs associated with increasing the class of crime for a third offense violation of a protection order.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 525

LR 1264(03)

An Act To Enhance Maine's Response to Domestic Violence

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-139)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations for the Department of Corrections of \$150,000 beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 for the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence to support certified batterers' intervention programs for indigent participant fees, training programs, transportation costs and administrative expenses for the coalition.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 526

LR 1991(06)

An Act To Remove the Cap on an Increase in the State Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "B" (H-42)

S "A" (S-41) to C "B" (H-42)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Removing the cap on the increase in the State's total cost for retired teachers' health insurance premiums will result in increased General Fund costs to the State for any year that the growth in premium costs exceeds the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, as defined in Title 5, section 17001, subsection 9, plus 3%.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 563

LR 1791(03)

An Act To Protect Earned Pay

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-72)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - All Funds

Current biennium cost increase - Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund

Potential future biennium revenue increase - Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$829,563	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$829,563	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$829,563 in fiscal year 2017-18 to the Employment Security Services program within the Department of Labor for the costs associated with updating the unemployment benefit system to reflect the elimination of both the vacation and holiday pay offsets.

Removing holiday pay and vacation pay in excess of 4 weeks' wages as deductible income when calculating a claimant's unemployment compensation benefit amount will increase costs to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 due to an increase in benefit payments. An analysis performed by the Department of Labor's Center for Workforce Research and Information estimates the increase in benefit costs to be between 0.14% and 0.63% of total regular benefits, depending on the economic conditions at the time. If this provision had been in place in 2016, the estimated increase in benefit costs would have been between \$142,000 and \$636,000 based on total regular benefit costs of \$100,340,000. If this provision had been in place during the recession year of 2009, the estimated increase would have been between \$360,000 and \$1,600,000, based on total regular benefit costs of \$256,000,000.

This expansion of benefits may potentially affect the contribution rate schedule in future biennia. The impact to all employers and the timing of the impact can not be determined at this time and will depend on the level of benefits paid, contributions received and the balance of the trust fund when the contribution schedule is calculated.

This bill will increase unemployment costs for executive branch departments and agencies that are in direct reimbursement status. The actual costs can not be determined. However, information provided by the Department of Labor indicates that, if this provision had been in place in 2016, the increased costs to the Executive Branch and the Judicial Branch would have been \$1,929 and \$400, respectively. The Legislative Branch would not have experienced an increase. These direct reimbursement costs would impact whatever fund the affected state employees are paid from.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 601

LR 1730(03)

An Act To Return the Normal Cost of Teacher Retirement to the State

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-73)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$22,243,151	\$22,329,171	\$22,329,171	\$22,329,171
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$22,243,151	\$22,329,171	\$22,329,171	\$22,329,171

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Public Law 2013, c. 368 enacted legislation that shifted the responsibility for funding the normal cost of teacher retirement from the State to local school administrative units with the State contributing a percentage of the cost as part of its contribution to the total cost of Pre-K-12 public education through the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program (GPA). This legislation proposes to repeal that law and return the responsibility for fully funding the normal cost component of teachers' retirement back to the State. The net General Fund cost of this proposal is \$22,243,151 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$22,329,171 in fiscal year 2018-19.

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$45,274,070 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$46,519,107 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Teacher Retirement program, within the Department of Education as a result of the State being required to fund 100% of the normal cost of teacher retirement.

This bill also includes General Fund deappropriations of \$23,030,919 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$24,189,936 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the GPA program, within the Department of Education, to remove the State's share of the normal cost of teacher retirement, estimated to be 50.87 % in fiscal year 2017-18 and 52.00% in fiscal year 2018-19.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 643

LR 1606(03)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Home-based and Community-based Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-176)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,659,733	\$3,659,733	\$3,659,733
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,659,733	\$3,659,733	\$3,659,733
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$5,007,833	\$5,007,833	\$5,007,833
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$5,007,833	\$5,007,833	\$5,007,833

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$3,659,733 beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 to increase rates for certain services to be effective July 1, 2018. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 648

LR 1755(03)

An Act To Expand the Types of Nonprofit Organizations to Which Surplus Property May Be Sold by the State

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
No Amendments
Committee: State and Local Government**

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services are assumed to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 654

LR 843(03)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Certain Sexual Offenses

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-113)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class C crimes, increases correctional and judicial costs.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$15,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$20,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 for the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services to support an anticipated increase in the use of assigned counsel. Additional judicial and corrections costs are not included in the appropriated amounts above and cannot be estimated at this time.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 656

LR 1800(03)

An Act To Improve the Ability of Maine Companies To Manufacture and Market Biobased Products

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-43)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 to the Office of Innovation within the Department of Economic and Community Development for the Maine Technology Institute to provide competitive grants for the development, production and marketing of biobased products.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 681

LR 166(03)

An Act Regarding Sexual Activity and Sexual Assault at Secondary and Postsecondary Educational Institutions

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-505)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires that instruction involving affirmative consent, communication and decision making regarding sexual activity and the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics on the ability to give affirmative consent be included in a secondary school's course of study in health, safety and physical education.	School	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 to include affirmative consent, communication and decision making regarding sexual activity and the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics on the ability to give affirmative consent in the commissioner's review of the content standards and performance indicators for the health, physical education and wellness content area during the 2017-2018 school year can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 687

LR 1156(03)

Resolve, Regarding Reimbursement for Speech and Language Pathology Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-382)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$182,457	\$182,509	\$182,509	\$182,509
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$182,457	\$182,509	\$182,509	\$182,509
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$329,345	\$329,294	\$329,294	\$329,294
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$329,345	\$329,294	\$329,294	\$329,294

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$182,457 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$182,509 in fiscal year 2018-19 for increased reimbursement of certain speech and language pathology services currently provided under Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 109, Speech and Hearing Services. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 720

LR 1705(03)

An Act To Provide Lung Cancer Screening for MaineCare Recipients

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-86)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$146,612	\$146,654	\$146,654	\$146,654
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$146,612	\$146,654	\$146,654	\$146,654
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$264,643	\$264,601	\$264,601	\$264,601
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$264,643	\$264,601	\$264,601	\$264,601

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$146,612 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$146,654 in fiscal year 2018-19 for an annual screening for lung cancer for certain MaineCare recipients who have a history of smoking. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 721

LR 73(03)

An Act To Mandate the Reporting of a Planned Act of Terrorism by a Person with Knowledge of That Plan

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-114)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class C crimes, increases correctional and judicial costs.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 723

LR 680(03)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce Volatility in State Pension Funding Requirements Caused by the Financial Markets

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-148)

Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase for referendum - General Fund
 Future biennium cost decrease years 1 through 10 - All Funds
 Future biennium cost increase years 11 through 20 - All Funds

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-17	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

If approved by the voters, this Constitutional amendment will increase the length of time over which experience losses are amortized from 10 years to 20 years. This will lower the amount of funding needed to pay the required employers contributions in years 1 through 10 of any particular experience loss, but increase these payments in years 11 through 20. The amounts involved will depend on the frequency and magnitude of actual losses experienced.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 726

LR 879(03)

An Act To Restore Full Cost-of-living Increases for All Maine State Retirees

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-250)
Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Local School Administrative Units

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$799,456,110	\$5,668,000	\$5,668,000	\$5,668,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$799,456,110	\$5,668,000	\$5,668,000	\$5,668,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Current law requires a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) each fiscal year, up to a maximum of 3%, be applied to the first \$20,000, also indexed to the CPI, of pension benefits received by retired state employees, teachers, judges and legislators. This legislation requires that the COLA be applied to the full benefit received by the retiree. This will increase both the normal cost and unfunded actuarial liability of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS). Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 18-A, unfunded liabilities may not be created except those that result from experience losses. Therefore, any unfunded liability created by the provisions in this legislation must be funded immediately.

Based on estimates provided by the MainePERS, applying the COLA to the full benefit received by a retiree will increase required employer contributions during the current biennium by a total of \$802,060,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$8,260,000 in fiscal year 2018-19. Of that amount, \$2,603,890 and \$2,592,000 in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19, respectively, will be borne by local school administrative units for their share of the normal cost of teacher retirement.

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$550,000,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 to the Teacher Retirement program within the Department of Education for the increased costs to the unfunded actuarial liability of the teacher retirement portion of the State Employee and Teacher plan. This bill also includes General Fund appropriations of \$2,696,110 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$2,808,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program for the State's share of the normal cost of teacher retirement.

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$246,760,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$2,860,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Retirement Allowance Fund within the Maine State Retirement System for the increased costs this provision is anticipated to have on the normal cost and unfunded actuarial liability of the State employee portion of the State Employee and Teacher plan and the Judicial Retirement plan.

This provision is not expected to result in increased costs to the Legislative Plan due to the actual benefits paid to retired legislators being well below the current \$20,000 cap.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 766

LR 1465(05)

Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Recalculate the MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Services for Persons with Disabilities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-247)

H "A" (H-357) to C "A" (H-247)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$66,242,717	\$69,554,855	\$73,032,598	\$76,684,228
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$66,242,717	\$69,554,855	\$73,032,598	\$76,684,228
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$129,053,314	\$135,505,980	\$142,281,279	\$149,395,343
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$8,235,330	\$8,647,096	\$9,079,451	\$9,533,424
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$129,053,314	\$135,505,980	\$142,281,279	\$149,395,343
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$8,235,330	\$8,647,096	\$9,079,451	\$9,533,424

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) of \$66,242,717 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$69,554,855 in fiscal year 2018-19 to increase reimbursement rates in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 13, 17, 21, 28, 29, 65 and 97 to reflect the increase in minimum wage. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations for the service provider tax.

It should be noted that the floor amendment that removed the emergency language and the appropriations and allocations in fiscal year 2016-17 that were reflected in the committee amendment, while leaving intact the impacts on all years after that, did not remove or change the date of June 1, 2017 by which the reimbursement rates must be increased. As this date has already gone by, the bill needs to be amended to reflect a new implementation date and the appropriations and allocations in fiscal year 2017-18 will need to be adjusted accordingly.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 781

LR 1987(03)

An Act To Support the Trades through a Tax Credit for Apprenticeship Programs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-416)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$164,074	\$2,618,417	\$2,547,301	\$2,551,285
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$164,074	\$168,417	\$172,301	\$176,285
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$2,450,000)	(\$2,375,000)	(\$2,375,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$50,000)	(\$125,000)	(\$125,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill provides an income tax credit for apprenticeship programs and would reduce General Fund revenue by \$2,450,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 and reduce Local Government Fund revenue by \$50,000 in fiscal year 2018-19. The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$33,000 to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services in fiscal year 2017-18 for programming costs to add a line to the income tax form.

This bill also includes General Fund appropriations of \$131,074 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$168,417 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Employment Services Activity program within the Department of Labor for one Labor Program Specialist position and one Office Specialist I position and related All Other costs needed due to an expected increase in workload as a result of the tax credit for employers who employ an apprentice participating in an approved apprenticeship program.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 782

LR 2146(03)

An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Certain Nonprofit Organizations Supporting Veterans

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-193)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$53,950	\$75,705	\$75,590	\$77,857
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$51,450)	(\$75,705)	(\$75,590)	(\$77,857)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$1,050)	(\$1,545)	(\$3,978)	(\$4,098)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides a sales tax exemption for nonprofit organizations providing services to veterans with combat injuries and would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$51,450 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$75,705 in fiscal year 2018-19 and a loss of Local Government Fund revenue of \$1,050 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$1,545 in fiscal year 2018-19. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$2,500 in fiscal year 2017-18 to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for programming changes to add an exemption line to the sales tax form.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 792

LR 1940(03)

An Act To Authorize Funding for Transitional Housing for Women Veterans and Their Families

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-58)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides a one-time General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2017-18 to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for the Betsy Ann Ross House of Hope to provide housing for women veterans and their families in transition.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 794

LR 1674(03)

An Act Regarding the Taxation of Flavored Malt Beverages

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-472)
Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$1,686,475	\$1,686,475
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$1,686,475)	(\$1,686,475)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Under current statute, manufacturers of low-alcohol spirits products are taxed at a rate of \$1.24 per gallon and in-state manufacturers of low-alcohol spirits products are taxed an additional rate of \$0.30 per gallon for a combined tax rate of \$1.54 per gallon. This bill clarifies that food flavorings or similar products with an alcohol content that are added to malt liquor products solely to impart flavor during the production process do not cause these products to be classified as low-alcohol spirits products. The State has been taxing these products at the higher combined rate of \$1.54 per gallon and will now tax them at the lower \$0.35 per gallon rate applied to malt liquor products. This will reduce General Fund revenue collected by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations by an estimated \$1,686,475 starting in fiscal year 2019-20.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 808

LR 1965(05)

An Act To Restore Community Support Services for Adults with Mental Illness

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-241)

S "A" (S-270) to C "A" (S-241)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill adds back some eligible diagnoses for coverage under Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 17, Allowances for Community Support Services, that were removed in February of 2016 with no baseline deappropriation. As there was no deappropriation when eligibility was reduced and the bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to fund the restored services within existing budgeted resources, no appropriations are included in this bill.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 816

LR 1526(03)

An Act To Promote Academic Achievement through Hunger Relief for Maine Children

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-150)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$346,356	\$246,356	\$246,356	\$246,356
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$346,356	\$246,356	\$246,356	\$246,356

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$346,356 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$246,356 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the School Finance and Operations program within the Department of Education for the costs associated with the State funding \$0.20 of the difference between the federal reimbursements for reduced-price school lunches and free school lunches for every reduced price lunch at every public school participating in the National School Lunch Program. Of that amount, \$100,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 is required on a one-time basis in order for the department to modify the existing school meal software application. The balance of \$246,356 is required for the ongoing annual cost to fund the difference between the 2 lunch programs. This estimate is based on 2016 data in which 1,231,779 reduced lunches were served.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 843

LR 1491(03)

An Act To Adjust the Formula for Calculating the Allocation of Moose Permits for Hunting Lodges

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-217)
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$20,176	\$20,176	\$20,176	\$20,176
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$20,176)	(\$20,176)	(\$20,176)	(\$20,176)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$58,240	\$58,240	\$58,240	\$58,240

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill reduces the number of moose hunting permits issued to nonresidents from 10% to 8% and changes the number issued to hunting outfitters from 10% of the number of permits that exceed 3,140 (not expected to exceed 3,140 in near future, due to decreased moose population) to 2% of total permits issued. The bill also directs that if the proceeds from the auction of moose hunting permits to fund youth conservation education programs are less than \$107,000, then the proceeds from moose hunting outfitters permits will be used to make up the difference, with the remainder deposited into the Moose Research and Management Fund (MRMF).

The change to hunting outfitters moose hunting permits will increase the number of these permits issued and the amount of revenue to the MRMF. The reduction in permits issued to nonresidents will decrease General Fund and MRMF. Overall, these changes are anticipated to reduce General Fund revenue by an estimated \$20,176 and increase MRMF Other Special Revenue Funds revenue by an estimated \$58,240 annually beginning in fiscal year 2017-18.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 848

LR 1943(03)

An Act To Support Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-448)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted
Potential current biennium cost increase - All Funds

State Mandates

Required Activity

Shifting the burden of proof that a law enforcement officer, firefighter or emergency medical services worker diagnosed as having post-traumatic stress disorder by a psychiatrist or psychologist developed that condition as a result of work stress from the claimant to the employer and/or the employer's insurer may represent a modification or expansion of a municipal and/or county activity.

Unit Affected

Municipality
County

Local Cost

Significant
statewide

Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional costs.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation will result in additional costs to the State as a direct reimbursement employer and to the Department of Public Safety associated with increased payments of workers' compensation benefits and legal and administrative expenses. The impact will depend on actual experience.

This legislation will also increase costs to local governments in the form of both higher premiums for workers' compensation insurance and increased legal and administrative costs. The impact to individual units of government will depend on actual experience.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 891

LR 1598(03)

An Act To Support the Professional Development of Principals in Maine Schools

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-237)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires school administrative units to provide a mentoring program for principals and assistant principals that have held a certificate for less than 5 years as part of its comprehensive performance evaluation and professional growth system.	School	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

Expanding the requirements of the performance evaluation and professional growth system enacted pursuant to Public Law 2011, c. 635 to include a new mentoring program for principals and assistant principals will increase costs to school administrative units. It is not possible to estimate the additional costs at this time. However, given that LD 390, the Governor's proposed budget for the 2018-2019 biennium, eliminates all funding to support the implementation of the current performance evaluation and professional growth system, it is unclear how school administrative units will implement the requirements of this bill.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 910

LR 1578(03)

An Act To Encourage Living Kidney Donation in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-420)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$105,000 beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 to establish a grant program to encourage living kidney donation. This funding will provide \$75,000 for living kidney donation grants of up to \$5,000 to individuals and \$30,000 to contract for an entity to administer and provide education about the living kidney donor grant program.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 919

LR 96(03)

An Act To Establish the Summer Success Program Fund

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-113)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation establishes the Summer Success Program within the Department of Education to facilitate the development of high-quality summer success programs in school administrative units (SAU's) statewide. It requires the department to establish standards and approval criteria for those SAU's that choose to apply to the program and to begin providing grants to qualified SAU's beginning in fiscal year 2018-19.

Requiring the department to provide grants to eligible SAU's beginning in fiscal year 2018-19 will result in increased General Fund costs to the department if funding is not received from other sources or if the funding received is not sufficient to meet both the total cost of the grants and the administrative costs to the department. This legislation requires the department, by December 15, 2017 and prior to December 15th of every subsequent year, to submit a budget request for the amount of General Fund appropriations and Other Special Revenue Funds and Federal Expenditures Fund allocations required to provide 90% of the cost of the program in the next fiscal year. However, if the budget request is not submitted by the Governor or approved by the Legislature, other existing programs and services within the department may be negatively impacted.

This bill creates the Summer Success Program Fund as a dedicated, non-lapsing fund to accept funding from social impact bonds, federal, state, and local grants as well as private funding sources to support the program. This bill includes base Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$500 per year beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 to a newly established Summer Success Program Fund account within the Department of Education in order to expend monies in the event that funding is received.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 949

LR 533(03)

An Act Regarding Telehealth

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-187)

Committee: Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - All Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill has an effective date of January 1, 2019, so only contracts executed after January 1, 2019 will be required to meet the coverage in this bill. Currently, within the State Employee Health Plan (SEHP), telehealth services are consistent with coverage for in-person services and with providers acting in his/her scope of practice. Beginning with the SEHP contract for fiscal year 2019-20, the telehealth service requirements will be expanded and there is a potential for an increase in costs to the SEHP. It is expected that some number of services will be shifted to telehealth from an in-office visit and will have no cost impact to the SEHP. However, there may also be additional services covered via telehealth that would never have been provided in an office. It is not known how many additional services will be provided through this expanded telehealth offering and no estimate of cost is made at this time.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 952

LR 1530(03)

An Act To Ensure Access to Opiate Addiction Treatment in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-106)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$635,029	\$572,690	\$572,690	\$572,690
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$635,029	\$572,690	\$572,690	\$572,690
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$1,095,943	\$1,033,282	\$1,033,282	\$1,033,282
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$1,095,943	\$1,033,282	\$1,033,282	\$1,033,282

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$635,029 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$572,690 in fiscal year 2018-19 to increase the MaineCare reimbursement rate for outpatient opioid treatment to \$72 per week and for a 3rd-party consultant to conduct a rate study regarding reimbursement to outpatient opioid treatment providers. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match.

The bill also authorizes registered professional nurses, certified nurse practitioners and licensed practical nurses to dispense opioid medication for substance abuse treatment purposes to patients in an opioid treatment program. Any impact from these changes is unable to be determined at this time.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 956

LR 457(10)

An Act To Establish the Maine Buy America and Build Maine Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-171)

S "A" (S-291)

H "A" (H-545)

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Potential current biennium cost increase - Highway Fund

Potential current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Potential current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring all construction contracts to contain a provision that the manufactured goods be manufactured in the United States could increase construction costs to the Department of Transportation and other state agencies and the State's higher educational institutions if contracted goods are less expensive than those manufactured in the United States and a waiver is not granted. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services may incur additional costs to review all contracts to implement and enforce the waiver process. No estimate of any increased cost is made at this time.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 967

LR 1785(04)

An Act To Ensure Access to Community Services for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-342)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$26,561,542	\$26,532,328	\$26,532,328	\$26,532,328
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$26,561,542	\$26,532,328	\$26,532,328	\$26,532,328
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$57,602,398	\$57,555,293	\$57,555,293	\$57,555,293
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$5,367,295	\$5,367,295	\$5,367,295	\$5,367,295
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$57,602,398	\$57,555,293	\$57,555,293	\$57,555,293
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$5,367,295	\$5,367,295	\$5,367,295	\$5,367,295

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$26,561,542 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$26,532,328 in fiscal year 2018-19 due to a change in the rates provided for home-based and community-based care for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism and to update and test changes to the Enterprise Information System. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations for the service provider tax.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 970

LR 1494(03)

An Act To End Homelessness by Expanding Housing Support Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-209)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$300,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 to a newly established Housing First Assistance Program within the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) for 30 housing units and 24-hour housing support services at those units at a "Housing First" development for chronically homeless individuals and families. The bill allows MSHA to use a portion of this funding for the administrative costs associated with administering the program.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 990

LR 49(09)

**An Act To Prevent Violence against Law Enforcement Officers, Emergency Medical Care Providers
and Firefighters**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-265)

H "B" (H-542) to C "A" (S-265)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the class of a crime from Class C to Class B, increases correctional, indigent legal and judicial costs.
The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 998

LR 1834(03)

An Act To Adequately Pay for Emergency Medical Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-296)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$231,334	\$694,198	\$694,198	\$694,198
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$231,334	\$694,198	\$694,198	\$694,198
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$417,570	\$1,252,515	\$1,252,515	\$1,252,515
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$417,570	\$1,252,515	\$1,252,515	\$1,252,515

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$231,334 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$694,198 in fiscal year 2018-19 to increase the reimbursement rate for ambulance services to 70% of the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare beginning March 1, 2018. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1000

LR 1174(03)

Resolve, To Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-295)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$233,169	\$310,997	\$310,997	\$310,997
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$233,169	\$310,997	\$310,997	\$310,997
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$506,052	\$674,631	\$674,631	\$674,631
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$47,184	\$62,912	\$62,912	\$62,912
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$506,052	\$674,631	\$674,631	\$674,631
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$47,184	\$62,912	\$62,912	\$62,912

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$233,169 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$310,997 in fiscal year 2018-19 to increase the rates for services provided under the brain injury waiver, Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 18 for members receiving Home Support (Residential Habilitation) Level I to no less than \$8.63 per quarter hour and to allow up to 400 units of care coordination each year. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations are included for the service provider tax.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1006

LR 2057(03)

An Act Regarding Housing Insecurity of Older Citizens

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-210)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$46,200	\$46,200	\$46,200	\$46,200
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$46,200	\$46,200	\$46,200	\$46,200

Legislative Cost/Study

The bill also includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$1,000 per year to the Legislature beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 for the costs of one Senator and one member of the House of Representatives to participate on the Advisory Council on Senior Housing.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill also includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$45,200 per year beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 to the Advisory Council on Senior Housing established within the Maine State Housing Authority to study the unmet need for affordable housing units for elderly residents in the State and the financial burden of home modifications and repairs necessary to allow elderly residents to remain in their homes. Of this amount, \$2,000 per year is for general administrative costs and \$43,200 is for one part-time position to provide staff support to the council.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1008

LR 2059(03)

An Act To Establish the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Populations

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-254)
Committee: State and Local Government**

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$62,640	\$65,521	\$67,487	\$69,512
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$62,640	\$65,521	\$67,487	\$69,512

Legislative Cost/Study

The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$2,500 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$2,500 in fiscal year 2018-19. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$10,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 for legislative studies. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Secretary of State of \$62,640 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$65,521 in fiscal year 2018-19 for one Planning and Research Assistant I position and related costs.

The additional costs to the Executive Department are expected to be minor and can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1044

LR 903(03)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Eligibility for Disability Retirement Benefits

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-89)

Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - All Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing former employees covered by either the State Employees and Teachers Retirement program or the Participating Local Districts program that are currently not eligible for disability retirement benefits under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to be eligible if very specific criteria are met may result in increased plan costs in the future as a result of higher disability benefits being paid. The actual cost can not be determined at this time and will depend on the actual individuals who may become eligible for benefits in the future because of this legislation.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1070

LR 1764(03)

Resolve, To Alleviate Hunger in Rural Maine in Areas of High Unemployment

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-107)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

Contingent current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Contingent current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a request to the United States Department of Agriculture to waive the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits time limit for able-bodied adults without dependents in areas designated as labor surplus areas by the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. If this waiver is accepted, the change would necessitate modifications to the Automated Client Eligibility System, which would incur Office of Information Technology costs for testing and implementation. These contingent costs are estimated to be \$24,567, with 50%, or \$12,284, being an appropriation from the General Fund and 50% being an allocation to the Federal Expenditures Fund.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1089

LR 391(03)

An Act To Prohibit the Use of Handheld Phones and Devices While Driving

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-272)

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$145,667)	(\$958,298)	(\$958,298)	(\$958,298)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$21,841	\$65,362	\$65,362	\$65,362
Revenue				
General Fund	\$167,508	\$1,023,660	\$1,023,660	\$1,023,660

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The changes to the prohibitions on the use of phones and devices while driving is expected to increase General Fund fine revenue by \$167,508 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$1,023,660 in fiscal year 2018-19.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill also includes General Fund appropriations to the Judicial Department of \$21,841 in fiscal year 2017-18 for one part-time Assistant Clerk position and related costs and \$65,362 in fiscal year 2018-19 for one full-time Assistant Clerk position to accommodate the increase in fine volume.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1091

LR 540(03)

An Act To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission Relative to the Maine Criminal Code and Related Statutes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-361)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class C crimes; increases correctional, indigent legal services and judicial costs.
The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$3,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$6,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 for the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services due to changes in the list of predicate offenses for certain domestic violence cases.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1108

LR 1245(03)

An Act To Restore Public Health Nursing Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-155)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$614,860	\$837,814	\$855,204	\$874,133
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$614,860	\$837,814	\$855,204	\$874,133

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$614,860 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$837,814 in fiscal year 2018-19 for one Public Health Nurse Consultant position, one Public Health Nurse Supervisor position, one Public Health Nurse I position, and 6 Public Health Nurse II positions to meet the required staffing needs of the bill.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1127

LR 1088(03)

An Act To Provide Occupants of Motor Vehicles with Gold Star Family Registration Plates Free Entry to State Parks

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-376)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$10,575	\$10,575	\$10,575	\$10,575
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$10,575)	(\$10,575)	(\$10,575)	(\$10,575)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would allow motor vehicles with a gold star license plate free entry to all state parks. This is estimated to reduce General Fund revenue by \$10,575 annually. This estimate was made using the assumptions listed below:

total active gold star license plates	188 cars
29% already buy annual park passes	55 annual passes
55 passes not sold @ \$105 each	\$ 5,775 revenue loss from passes not sold
71% do not buy annual passes	133 cars
133 cars make 1.5 park visits each year	200 car visits
4 people in car each visit	800 day trips
\$6 per adult visit	\$ 4,800 revenue loss from day trips not sold
	\$ 5,775
	\$ 4,800
Estimated revenue loss	<u>\$ 10,575</u>



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1130

LR 198(05)

An Act To Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-469)

H "A" (H-537) to C "A" (H-469)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$34,088	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$34,088	\$0	\$0	\$0

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires school administrative units to implement and annually provide a minimum of one hour of age-appropriate traffic safety education to students in 4 different grade levels between kindergarten and grade 12.	School	\$34,088

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$34,088 in fiscal year 2017-18 to the Learning Systems program within the Department of Education for 90% of the cost to school administrative units to implement and annually provide age-appropriate traffic safety education to students in at least 4 different grade levels between grade 4 and grade 12.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This fiscal note makes the following assumptions:

- 1) One-half of kindergarten to grade 8 schools will obtain age-appropriate curriculum for 3 grade levels between grade 4 and grade 8 that meets the requirements of this legislation at no cost and will devote one hour acclimating themselves to the curriculum. The remaining schools will have a presenter come into the school to present the traffic and safety education program at no cost to the school.
- 2) One-half of the public high schools in the State will obtain age-appropriate curriculum for 1 grade level between 9th and 12th grade that meets the requirements of this legislation at no cost and will devote one hour acclimating themselves to the curriculum. The remaining high schools will have a presenter come into the school to present the traffic and safety education program at no cost to the school.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1143

LR 362(03)

Resolve, Providing for the Official Observance of the 200th Anniversary of the Formation of the State of Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-453)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Legislative Cost/Study

The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$3,090 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$3,090 in fiscal year 2018-19. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$10,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 for legislative studies. Whether the amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time non-lapsing General Fund appropriation to the State of Maine Bicentennial Celebration program within the Maine Cultural Affairs Council for staff support and other expenses during the 4-year planning of the State of Maine bicentennial celebration. It also provides an ongoing allocation for outside funds received for the State of Maine bicentennial celebration to be used by the Maine Bicentennial Commission.

Additional costs to the Department of Education, the University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine Community College System, the Supreme Judicial Court, the Department of Secretary of State and the Maine Humanities Council associated with serving on the commission can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1170

LR 1204(07)

An Act To Reduce Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-146)

S "B" (S-306) to C "A" (S-146)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$106,075	\$312,045	\$510,999
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$106,075)	(\$312,045)	(\$510,999)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$111)	(\$815)	(\$1,336)

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the number of civil violations.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Increasing the legal age to purchase cigarettes and tobacco products from 18 to 21 except for individuals who are 18 years old as of July 1, 2018 is estimated to reduce General Fund revenue by \$106,075 in fiscal year 2018-19 and reduce Local Government Fund revenue by \$111 in fiscal year 2018-19. These impacts are to the cigarette tax, the tobacco products tax and the sales and use tax.

The additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services to update materials and resources are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1188

LR 960(03)

An Act To Facilitate MaineCare-Funded Assisted Living by Providing a Cost-of-living Adjustment to Private Nonmedical Institutions and Adult Family Care Homes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-330)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,075,102	\$2,643,217	\$4,258,375
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,075,102	\$2,643,217	\$4,258,375
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$1,816,460	\$4,465,895	\$7,194,814
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$177,155	\$435,547	\$701,692
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$1,816,460	\$4,465,895	\$7,194,814
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$177,155	\$435,547	\$701,692

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$1,075,102 in fiscal year 2018-19 for a 2.1% cost-of-living rate increase for adult family care homes and Appendix C private non-medical institutions for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The bill also includes Federal Expenditures Fund for the FMAP and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations for the service provider tax.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1190

LR 904(05)

An Act Regarding Driver's License Suspensions for Nondriving-related Violations

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-532)

H "A" (H-550) to C "A" (H-532)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$142,968	\$190,625	\$190,625	\$190,625
Highway Fund	\$142,968	\$190,625	\$190,625	\$190,625
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$142,968)	(\$190,625)	(\$190,625)	(\$190,625)
Highway Fund	(\$142,968)	(\$190,625)	(\$190,625)	(\$190,625)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation removes, until October 1, 2021, provisions of law allowing driver's license suspensions for failure to pay a fine in offenses not related to driving. Driver's license reinstatement fees for failure to pay fines accrue 50% to the Highway Fund and 50% to the General Fund. Highway Fund and General Fund revenues would be reduced by \$142,968 in fiscal year 2017-18 and by \$190,625 beginning in fiscal year 2018-19. Approximately 7,500 of these reinstatements are processed annually.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1196

LR 1279(03)

An Act To Assist Seniors and Certain Persons with Disabilities in Paying Property Taxes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-236)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$153,252	\$1,693,905	\$2,796,375	\$3,698,918
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$153,252	\$1,693,905	\$2,796,375	\$3,698,918

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill implements a property tax deferral program. The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services of \$153,252 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$1,693,905 in fiscal year 2018-19 for one Property Appraiser I position and related costs to implement and administer the property tax deferral program, computer programming costs and funding to reimburse municipalities for property taxes deferred under the program.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1204

LR 685(03)

An Act Regarding Absentee Voting by Residents of Nursing Homes and Other Residential Care Facilities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-494)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires clerks to provide to each licensed facility a notice of the date and time when absentee voting will be conducted.	Municipality	Insignificant 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.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1206

LR 1914(04)

An Act To Increase State Funding to Maine Public Charter Schools and Noncharter Public Schools

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-304)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Current biennium cost increase - local school administrative units

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring that the State recognize 100% of the base operating allocation within essential programs and services will increase the total cost of public education from kindergarten to grade 12 beginning in fiscal year 2018-19. Although the amount can not be determined at this time, had this legislation required this provision be put into effect for fiscal year 2017-18 it would increase the total cost of K-12 public education, as proposed in LD 390, the Governor's 2018-2019 biennial budget, by approximately \$41.9 million. The amount of this cost increase not funded by the State will be borne by local school administrative units.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1208

LR 778(03)

An Act To Amend the Veterans Service Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-140)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)					
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations					
General Fund	(\$375,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$375,000	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Transfers					
General Fund	(\$375,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$375,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund deappropriation of \$375,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management. It also includes a transfer from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund of \$375,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the newly created Veteran Temporary Emergency Assistance Fund.

The bill establishes the Veteran Temporary Emergency Assistance Fund and provides an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$375,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 and \$500 annually beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 to provide financial assistance to veterans.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1210

LR 1303(03)

An Act Regarding the Maine Clean Election Fund

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-185)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$3,000,000	(\$1,300,000)	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$3,000,000	(\$1,300,000)	\$0	\$0
Transfers				
General Fund	(\$3,000,000)	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$3,000,000	(\$1,300,000)	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill transfers \$3,000,000 from the General Fund to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (CGEEP) in fiscal year 2017-18 for the anticipated increase, from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000, in disbursements from the Maine Clean Election Fund (MCEF) as a result of the addition of gubernatorial candidates in the November 2018 election. It also decreases the authorized transfer from the General Fund to the CGEEP in fiscal year 2018-19 by \$1,300,000, from \$3,000,000 to \$1,700,000, for an anticipated decrease in disbursements from the MCEF.

The bill also allocates \$3,000,000 to the CGEEP in fiscal year 2017-18 and deallocates \$1,300,000 from the CGEEP in fiscal year 2018-19 to match the change in amounts transferred.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1212

LR 1237(03)

An Act To Amend the Definition of "Eligible Business Equipment" for the Purposes of the Business Equipment Tax Exemption Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-180)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$245,000	\$245,000	\$245,000
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$245,000)	(\$245,000)	(\$245,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill removes the property tax exemption for personal property leased by certain organizations and adds that property to business equipment eligible under the BETE property tax exemption program. General Fund revenue would be reduced by \$245,000 beginning in fiscal year 2018-19 for reimbursement to municipalities for 50% of the BETE exemption.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1231

LR 1356(05)

Resolve, To Assess the Need for Mental Health Care Services for Veterans in Maine and To Establish a Pilot Program To Provide Case Management Services to Veterans for Mental Health Care

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-407)

H "A" (H-553) to C "A" (H-407)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)					
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations					
General Fund	(\$875,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$875,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers					
General Fund	(\$875,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$875,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a deappropriation of \$375,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and transfers \$375,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services.

This bill includes a deappropriation \$500,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Mental Health Services - Community account and transfers \$500,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Veterans Mental Health and Case Management Services Fund, Other Special Revenue Fund account in DHHS. Additionally, it allocates \$875,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 in the Veterans Mental Health and Case Management Services Fund to reimburse hospitals for the costs of screening and data collection and to support a pilot program providing mental health and case management services to veterans.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1247

LR 728(03)

An Act To Repeal the Income Tax on Pick-up Contributions Paid to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and To Clarify the Taxation of Pick-up Contributions Distributed in the Form of a Rollover

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-194)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$3,329,000	\$11,372,000	\$11,528,000	\$11,922,000
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$3,329,000)	(\$11,372,000)	(\$11,528,000)	(\$11,922,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$133,000)	(\$365,000)	(\$745,000)	(\$770,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill repeals the individual income tax addition modification for state contributions to the retirement system on behalf of the taxpayer and makes changes to the subtraction modification for pick-up contributions distributed to the taxpayer in the form of a rollover. It would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$3,329,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$11,372,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 and a loss of Local Government Fund revenue of \$68,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$232,000 in fiscal year 2018-19. It would also reduce revenue to the Fund to Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education by \$65,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and by \$133,000 in fiscal year 2018-19.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1248

LR 1541(03)

An Act To Improve Public Transportation in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-144)

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Transportation of \$2,000,000 beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 for public transportation purposes.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1263

LR 1448(03)

Resolve, To Increase the Affordability of Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-109)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 to the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) to provide grants and loans to eligible households for treatment of contaminated private drinking water wells.

The provision in this bill that allows MSHA to utilize 15% of the total funds provided to administer the program is expected to be sufficient to cover the administrative costs to MSHA.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1280

LR 1232(09)

An Act To Require Drug Manufacturers To Comply with Federal Law

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-153)

S "B" (S-297) to C "A" (S-153)

S "D" (S-309) to C "A" (S-153)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill may potentially increase costs to the Office of the Attorney General, including the cost of staff time and expert witness fees should the office need to litigate constitutional concerns. If the law is found unconstitutional, the State may be ordered to pay attorneys' fees and costs to the opposing party. These potential costs cannot be estimated at this time.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1286

LR 1065(03)

An Act To Facilitate Compliance by School Employees with Criminal History Record Check and Fingerprinting Requirements

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-221)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$13,244	\$13,508	\$13,779	\$14,054
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$13,244	\$13,508	\$13,779	\$14,054

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires local school administrative units to submit the names of all employees subject to certification, approval or authorization and indicate the date on which the person most recently commenced employment with the school administrative unit.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

\$13,244

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

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$13,244 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$13,508 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Learning Systems program within the Department of Education to fund 90% of the cost to local school administrative units to submit the names of all employees subject to certification, approval or authorization along with the date that each employee began working for the SAU. These estimates assume that the central office within each SAU will be responsible for compiling the data and submitting the report and that the data is up-to-date.

Additional costs to the Department of Education to determine if the employees whose names were submitted by the local school administrative unit have complied with all applicable criminal history record check and fingerprinting requirements and to notify the school administrative units if the employee failed to comply can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1287

LR 1640(03)

An Act To Strengthen Efforts To Recruit and Retain Primary Care Professionals and Dentists in Rural and Underserved Areas of the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-121)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$47,040	\$129,360	\$270,480	\$447,860
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$47,040)	(\$129,360)	(\$270,480)	(\$447,860)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$960)	(\$2,640)	(\$5,520)	(\$9,140)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill extends to 2026 the income tax credit for dentists who practice in underserved areas and increases the number of primary care professionals who may be certified for the primary care access credit. It would result in a reduction in General Fund revenue of \$47,040 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$129,360 in fiscal year 2018-19 and a reduction in Local Government Fund revenue of \$960 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$2,640 in fiscal year 2018-19.

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1301

LR 1690(03)

An Act To Improve Access to Preventive, Cost-saving Dental Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-248)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$2,318,335	\$2,947,778	\$2,659,373	\$3,659,373
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$2,318,335	\$2,947,778	\$2,659,373	\$3,659,373
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$4,184,709	\$5,318,566	\$4,798,208	\$4,798,208
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$4,184,709	\$5,318,566	\$4,798,208	\$4,798,208

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$2,318,335 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$2,947,778 in fiscal year 2018-19 for the costs of providing MaineCare coverage for additional preventative oral health services for MaineCare eligible adults 21 years of age and older. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1308

LR 146(03)

Resolve, To Expedite the Processing of Applications for Certification under the Work Opportunity Tax Credit

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-118)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$58,932	\$75,848	\$78,555	\$81,370
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$58,932	\$75,848	\$78,555	\$81,370

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$58,932 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$75,848 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Employment Services Activity program within the Department of Labor for one Eligibility Specialist position and related All Other costs to expedite the processing of employer applications for certification required for the federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit. This fiscal note assumes an October 1, 2017 start date.

Additional costs to the Bureau of Employment Services to prepare and submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1314

LR 1173(03)

Resolve, To Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-202)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$2,920,777	\$2,694,714
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$2,920,777	\$2,694,714
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$0	\$5,636,184	\$5,636,184
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$525,600	\$525,600
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$0	\$5,636,184	\$5,636,184
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$525,600	\$525,600

Fiscal Detail and Notes

With a start date of July 1, 2019, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will require \$2,694,714 beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 for one Social Services Program Specialist II position to be the Neurobehavioral Treatment Center Manager for this program and for additional claims for the 16 new neurobehavioral beds. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match for the medical claims. Additionally, it is estimated that DHHS will require \$229,200 in fiscal year 2019-20 to add functionality to the Enterprise Information System to track all client facility placements as well as manage facility transitions and wait lists.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1317

LR 1983(03)

An Act To Encourage Family-friendly Businesses through a Tax Credit for Child Care

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-234)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$98,000	\$294,000	\$332,500	\$332,500
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$98,000)	(\$294,000)	(\$332,500)	(\$332,500)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$2,000)	(\$6,000)	(\$17,500)	(\$17,500)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill reinstates the tax credit for employer-assisted day care, which expired at the end of 2015, for tax years beginning in 2017 and changes the amount of the credit. It would result in a reduction in General Fund revenue of \$98,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$294,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 and a reduction in Local Government Fund revenue of \$2,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$6,000 in fiscal year 2018-19.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1320

LR 30(03)

An Act To Regulate and Tax Sports Fantasy League Activities in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-314)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$10,071)	(\$7,206)	(\$4,256)	(\$1,217)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$99,929	\$102,794	\$105,744	\$108,783
Revenue				
General Fund	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new civil violations.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Gambling Control Board (GCB) within the Department of Public Safety of \$99,929 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$102,794 in fiscal year 2018-19 for one Information System Security Analyst position and related costs to assist in the regulation of fantasy sports contests. The bill authorizes the GCB to collect a fee for initial registration and annual licenses from fantasy contest operators. The initial registration fees are expected to result in a one-time Other Special Revenue Funds revenue of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2017-18, annual license fees are expected to generate annual Other Special Revenue Fund revenues of \$5,000 starting in fiscal year 2017-18. The bill also requires fantasy contest operators with annual revenue greater than \$100,000 to distribute 10% of gross fantasy contest revenues to the General Fund. This distribution is estimated to increase General Fund revenue by \$110,000 annually.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1321

LR 401(03)

An Act To Promote Social and Emotional Learning and Development in Early Childhood

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-128)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$312,471	\$181,779	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$312,471	\$181,779	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes one-time General Fund appropriations of \$312,471 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$181,779 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Learning Systems program within the Department of Education for one limited-period Education Specialist III position and one part-time limited-period Office Associate II position and related All Other costs including funding for 4 contracted part-time consultants as well as technology, training, travel and meeting costs. This fiscal note assumes that the limited-period positions will begin October 1, 2017 and will end in December of 2018.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1322

LR 2056(04)

An Act Regarding Mental Health First Aid Training for Corrections Personnel

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-499)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$30,265	\$30,265	\$19,012
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$39,504	\$39,504	\$24,816

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$30,265 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Department of Public Safety to provide 8 hours of mental health first aid training as part of basic corrections training. Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Department of Public Safety would increase by \$39,504 in fiscal year 2018-19 for training fees charged.

The cost to provide mental health first aid training to state correctional staff is expected to be a significant General Fund cost. The Department of Corrections has estimated overtime costs of \$420,000 and course, travel, meals and lodging costs in excess of \$100,000 to move more than 700 employees through 8 hours of training. Due to uncertainty over the number of staff trained annually and the number of overtime hours required, the cost to the Department of Corrections by fiscal year is not estimated at this time.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1343

LR 1838(03)

An Act To Promote Downtown Revitalization by Creating the Locating Businesses Downtown Loan Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-152)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation establishes the Locating Businesses Downtown Loan Program within the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to provide forgivable loans for businesses to initially locate or to relocate in a downtown area, village area or along a main street in the State and provides that funds in the Communities for Maine's Future Fund are to be utilized to support the program.

The Communities for Maine's Future Fund was established within DECD pursuant to Public Law 2009, c. 414 to provide funding for the rehabilitation, revitalization and enhancement of downtowns and village centers and main streets in the State. The Fund was capitalized with a \$3,500,000 bond issue approved by the voters of the State in June of 2010. By the end of fiscal year 2014-15, all funds had been drawn down and expended and no other funds have been appropriated and/or allocated to the fund since that time.

Since no funding is available to support the Locating Businesses Downtown Loan Program, the department will be unable to implement the requirements of this legislation unless and until another source of funding is provided.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1388

LR 669(03)

An Act To Prohibit the Falsification of Medical Records

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-162)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class C and Class D crimes; increases correctional and judicial costs.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1391

LR 1253(03)

An Act To Ensure the Continuation of the Landowner Relations Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
 C "A" (H-321)
 Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes annual General Fund appropriations of \$150,000 to the Landowner Relations Fund within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife starting in fiscal year 2017-18 to improve or maintain good relationships between landowners and outdoor recreationists.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1396

LR 895(04)

An Act To Remove Certain Restrictions Imposed on Retired State Employees Who Return to Work as Educators

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-522)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - local school administrative units
Undetermined future biennium impact - State Employee and Teacher Program

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Under current law, school administrative units (SAU's) are not required to pay the employer contribution of the normal cost component of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program within the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for those retirees who have reached normal retirement age and who retired after September 1, 2011 and return to work as a classroom-based employee. This legislation adds school administrator positions and requires SAU's to pay the employer contribution for the classroom-based and school administrator positions filled by retired state employees and teachers even though no additional retirement benefits are being accrued by the returning employee. This provision will result in increased costs to SAU's versus what they would have been required to pay under current law. The impact to individual SAU's can not be estimated at this time.

The impact to the State Employee and Teacher Program within the Maine Public Employees Retirement System as a result of employer contributions being made towards the normal cost component of the plan while a retired state employee or teacher holds the position as a classroom-based employee or school administrator will be positive and will help offset any potential long-term negative impact to the program that may occur when members retire and begin receiving benefit payments earlier than actuarially anticipated.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1399

LR 1305(03)

An Act To Encourage Broadband Coverage in Rural Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-223)
Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$66,040	\$6,386,094	\$6,389,632	\$6,393,263
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$66,040	\$136,094	\$139,632	\$143,263
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$6,250,000)	(\$6,250,000)	(\$6,250,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$66,040 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$136,094 in fiscal year 2018-19 to a newly established Office of Broadband Development within the Department of Economic and Community Development for one Public Service Executive II position to serve as President of the Maine Broadband Initiative beginning January 1, 2018.

The bill replaces the ConnectME Authority with the Maine Broadband Initiative. Revenue generated from the telecommunications excise tax will now be credited to the Maine Broadband Initiative Fund instead of the General Fund. This is estimated to reduce General Fund revenue by \$6,250,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 2018-19. The Maine Broadband Initiative is authorized to issue bonds for the purpose of construction of advanced communications technology infrastructure and for the fulfillment of other undertakings it may assume. These bonds do not constitute a debt of the State or of any agency or political subdivision of the State but are payable solely from the revenue of the initiative, and neither the faith nor the credit nor taxing power of the State or any political subdivision of the State is pledged to payment of the bonds.

Additional costs to the University of Maine System and the Department of Economic and Community Development to serve on the Board of Directors of the Maine Broadband Initiative can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1407

LR 1195(03)

An Act Regarding Prescription Drug Step Therapy

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**C "A" (S-245)****Committee: Insurance and Financial Services**

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost - All Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill has an effective date of January 1, 2019, so only contracts executed after January 1, 2019 will be required to meet the coverage in this bill. Thus, the State Employee Health Plan (SEHP) will have no General Fund appropriations or Highway Fund allocations in the current biennium in this bill. Drug step therapy is the practice of beginning drug therapy for a medical condition with the most cost-effective and safest drug and progressing to other more costly or risky therapies only if necessary, with the goal of controlling costs and minimizing risks. The SEHP is transitioning to a new pharmacy benefit manager (PBM), beginning on July 1, 2017. The new PBM does not have a drug step therapy process, however the process by which drugs are selected within the program based on a rebate protocol could be considered drug step therapy under the language in this bill. This bill adds an exception process for drug step therapy that must be clear, readily accessible and convenient to the patient and prescriber. This could lead to additional or longer lasting exceptions from the drug step therapy process, which could potentially increase costs in future bienniums for insurers, including the SEHP. The SEHP provided an estimate for this bill of \$1,000,000 annually to the General Fund and \$30,000 annually to the Highway Fund. That was a worst-case-scenario based on the concept that every patient eligible to seek an exception would do so every time and that every request would be granted and that the exception granted would be for the highest cost alternative possible. Since the SEHP is transitioning to a new PBM there is no history of patient predilection to request exceptions, or of the decisions that will be made, which renders a more accurate fiscal impact difficult.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1429

LR 666(03)

An Act Regarding the Epidemic of Opiate Abuse

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-510)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue decrease - General Fund

Potential current biennium revenue increase - Municipal and County Law Enforcement

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$8,250	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$8,250	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class A and Class B crimes, increases correctional and judicial costs.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$8,250 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$11,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 for the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services to support the anticipated increase in costs resulting from additional prosecutions involving death or serious bodily injury to a person.

Under current statute, the court determines the disposition of forfeited property and may order it deposited to the General Fund or that it go to a municipality, county, or state agency that has made a substantial contribution to the investigation or prosecution of a related criminal case. This bill keeps that language and adds to the court's options by also allowing disposition of forfeited property to, upon request of the investigating agency or prosecuting agency, a law enforcement agency in this State that provides case management and other social services to persons with substance use disorders. In any future case where the court will opt to use the new provision to redirect forfeited property from the General Fund to a local law enforcement agency, revenue will be increased to the receiving agency and reduced to the General Fund. No estimate of the amounts redirected can be made at this time.

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1433

LR 1725(03)

An Act To Protect Maine Children from Lung Cancer by Requiring Radon Testing in Schools

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-516)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$2,187,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$2,187,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes Fund for a Healthy Maine allocations totaling \$2,187,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 to a newly created Radon Testing for Schools Program within the Department of Education for school administrative units to have radon tests performed in all schools every 5 years. Of this amount, \$24,935 is allocated for the costs associated with administering the program and \$2,162,065 is allocated to pay for school administrative units to test for radon in schools.

The cost of requiring school administrative units to use certain radon-resistant new construction techniques when building a new elementary or secondary school is not estimated at this time and is not included in the allocation above.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1466

LR 1387(07)

An Act To Address Severe and Ongoing Shortfalls in the Funding of Direct Care Workers in Long-term Care Settings and To Establish the Commission To Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-186)

H "B" (H-529) to C "A" (S-186)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$12,482,467	\$25,624,598	\$35,614,390	\$43,869,265
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$12,482,467	\$25,624,598	\$35,614,390	\$43,869,265
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$23,082,456	\$47,473,310	\$59,650,943	\$73,489,262
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,826,040	\$3,824,697	\$4,993,336	\$6,161,975
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$23,082,456	\$47,473,310	\$59,650,943	\$73,489,262
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,826,040	\$3,824,697	\$4,993,336	\$6,161,975

Legislative Cost/Study

The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$2,750 in fiscal year 2017-18. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 for legislative studies. Whether this amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$12,482,467 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$25,624,598 in fiscal year 2018-19 for an increase to rates for certain services. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations for the healthcare provider tax and the service provider tax.

Additional costs to the Department of Labor related to the Commissioner or the commissioner's designee participating on the commission can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1485

LR 2196(03)

An Act Regarding MaineCare Coverage for Telehealth Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-205)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$2,869	\$5,739	\$5,739	\$5,739
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$2,869	\$5,739	\$5,739	\$5,739
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$5,178	\$10,355	\$10,355	\$10,355
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$5,178	\$10,355	\$10,355	\$10,355

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$2,869 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$5,739 in fiscal year 2018-19 for additional telehealth per-visit site facility fees and per-month telemonitoring fees incurred by expanded eligibility. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1490

LR 1796(03)

An Act To Stabilize Funding for the County Jails

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-268)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$3,800,000 in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 to provide additional funding for the County Jail Operations Fund. It also transfers \$5,646,561 annually from the County Jail Operations Fund to the County Jail Community Corrections Fund in order to segregate funding distributed for county jail community corrections.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1494

LR 2184(03)

An Act To Increase the Availability of Foster Homes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-396)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$118,485)	(\$118,485)	(\$118,485)	(\$118,485)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$118,485)	(\$118,485)	(\$118,485)	(\$118,485)
Federal Expenditures Fund	(\$124,909)	(\$124,909)	(\$124,909)	(\$124,909)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$48,395)	(\$48,395)	(\$48,395)	(\$48,395)
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	(\$124,909)	(\$124,909)	(\$124,909)	(\$124,909)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$89,250)	(\$119,000)	(\$119,000)	(\$119,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund deappropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$118,485 beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 due to the elimination of the costs paid for the fire marshal inspections, which will also reduce Other Special Revenue Funds allocations. The bill also includes a reduction to Federal Expenditures Fund allocations due to a reduction of physical plant updates to meet current compliance.

Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Department of Public Safety will be reduced by \$89,250 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$119,000 beginning in fiscal year 2018-19 from no longer inspecting family foster homes.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1517

LR 1618(03)

Resolve, To Ensure Access to Behavioral Health Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-491)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$349,890	\$6,053,198	\$6,319,876	\$6,618,870
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$349,890	\$6,053,198	\$6,319,876	\$6,618,870
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$631,294	\$11,974,266	\$12,572,979	\$13,201,628
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$600,591	\$666,603	\$699,933
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$631,294	\$11,974,266	\$12,572,979	\$13,201,628
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$600,591	\$666,603	\$699,933

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$349,890 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$6,053,198 in fiscal year 2018-19 to increase certain reimbursement rates by June 1, 2018 to reflect a 2% increase over rates in fiscal year 2008-09. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations for the service provier tax.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1520

LR 742(03)

An Act To Create an Aquaculture License

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-288)

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$5,825	\$5,825	\$5,825	\$5,825
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$5,825)	(\$5,825)	(\$5,825)	(\$5,825)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$5,825	\$5,825	\$5,825	\$5,825

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new civil violations.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill will create an aquaculture license to be issued by the Department of Marine Resources (DMR). Under current statute the holder of an aquaculture lease must purchase a commercial shellfish license with a fee of \$133, with \$74.75 credited to the Shellfish Management Fund (SMF) and \$58.25 credited to General Fund revenue. This bill creates an aquaculture license with the same fee of \$133, with all revenue going to the previously established Aquaculture Management Fund (AMF). DMR estimates that approximately 100 commercial shellfish license holders will purchase the new aquaculture license instead of a commercial shellfish license. These changes are estimated to reduce General Fund revenue by \$5,825, reduce SMF revenue by \$7,475 and increase AMF revenue by \$13,300 annually beginning in fiscal year 2017-18.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1554

LR 2298(03)

Resolve, Authorizing Claire Dean Perry and the Estate of William Dean To Bring Suit against the Surety Obtained by the Department of Health and Human Services in Its Capacity as Public Conservator

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-365)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 for a potential court settlement.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1597

LR 2307(03)

An Act To Exempt from Sales Tax the Fee Associated with the Paint Stewardship Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-183)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$34,300	\$71,344	\$71,926	\$74,803
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$34,300)	(\$71,344)	(\$71,926)	(\$74,803)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$700)	(\$1,456)	(\$3,786)	(\$3,937)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides an exclusion from sales tax of the paint stewardship assessments and would result in a reduction in General Fund revenue of \$34,300 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$71,344 in fiscal year 2018-19 and a reduction in Local Government Fund revenue of \$700 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$1,456 in fiscal year 2018-19.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1624

LR 2373(05)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Authorizing the Legislature, or Electors through Direct Initiative, To Enact Legislation To Determine the Winner of Elections for the Offices of State Senator, State Representative and Governor

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-300)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-17	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1626

LR 2356(04)

Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Assume Ownership of the Forest City Project

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-524)

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The transfer of ownership of the dam and water storage project known as the Foresty City Project to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) is contingent on an agreement with current owner Woodland Pulp LLC to maintain and operate the Facility for a period of 15 years at no cost to the State. During that period any costs to IF&W are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. The bill does not indicate what will happen after 15 years and the fiscal note assumes the State's ownership would mean it would assume all costs of operation and maintenance, which have been estimated between \$55,000 and \$80,000 annually.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1639

LR 2369(03)

An Act To Promote Major Business Headquarters Expansions in Maine, Promote the Commercialization of Research and Development in Maine and Create Jobs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-294)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$760,000
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$760,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$40,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill creates a refundable income tax credit for construction or expansion of major business headquarters and would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$760,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 and a loss of Local Government Fund revenue of \$40,000 in fiscal year 2020-21.

Additional costs to the Department of Economic and Community Development associated with implementing the provisions of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1641

LR 2391(02)

An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act Regarding Retail Marijuana Testing Facilities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

No Amendments

Committee: Not Referred

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$175,754	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$175,754	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$179,656	\$184,297	\$189,098

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$84,722 in fiscal year 2017-18 and an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of 87,355 in fiscal year 2018-19 for one Environmental Specialist III position to certify the licensed retail marijuana testing facilities. The bill also includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry of \$91,032 in fiscal year 2017-18 and an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$92,301 in fiscal year 2018-19 for one Consumer Protection Inspector position to inspect licensed retail marijuana testing facilities for compliance. The Other Special Revenue Funds allocations will be funded by license fees authorized by the Marijuana Legalization Act, 7 MRSA, §2448, subsection 10. The General Fund appropriations are required because there will not be sufficient revenue from license fees in fiscal year 2017-18.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1643

LR 2401(02)

An Act To Provide Funding to the Loring Development Authority of Maine for Implementation Grants

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

No Amendments

Committee: Not Referred

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0	\$0
Transfers				
General Fund	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes one-time General Fund appropriations of \$750,000 per year in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 to the Business Development program within the Department of Economic and Community Development for implementation grants to the Loring Development Authority of Maine upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the approval of the Governor.

This bill also requires \$750,000 per year in both fiscal year 2017-18 and fiscal year 2018-19 in the All Other line category in the Office of Innovation program, Maine Technology Institute, General Fund account to lapse to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019, respectively.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1644

LR 2402(02)

An Act To Fund the Agreement with Executive Branch Employees

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

No Amendments

Committee: Not Referred

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Future biennium cost increase - Highway Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill authorizes the adjustment of salary schedules upward consistent with the various collective bargaining agreements. The General Fund and Highway Fund costs are to be supported through transfers between and within departments and agencies and through the Salary Plan program, General Fund account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. Transfers from the Salary Plan are limited to up to \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2018-19.