



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 672

LR 1665(02)

An Act Relating to Exemption from Immunization for Schoolchildren

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$3,332	\$768	\$768	\$768
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$3,332	\$768	\$768	\$768

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires school health advisors to provide information about the benefits and risks of immunization, consisting of Vaccine Information Statements prepared by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, to parents of a child excepted from the immunization requirements under Title 20-A, §6355 and to sign a statement that the information has been provided.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

Insignificant statewide

The required local activities in this bill represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. General Fund appropriations are provided to fund 90% of the additional costs.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Vaccine Information for Parents account within the Department of Education and provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$3,332 in fiscal year 2013-14 and ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$768 per year beginning in fiscal year 2014-15 to the account for the purpose of paying 90% of the total cost to local school administrative units to assemble and send the required information that school health advisors must send to parents. This fiscal note is based on the following assumptions:

Assumptions

Number of vaccine information statements (VIS) on US DHHS CDC website		28
Number of VIS relevant to this bill		7
Pages per VIS		2
Pages to be printed and sent per student		14
Pages for signed statement to be placed in child's records		1
Cost of 1 piece of 8 1/2 x 11 copier paper	\$	0.005
Cost per packet (15 pages @ \$0.005 per page)	\$	0.075
Estimated number of exempted students to be sent packets 1st year		5,628
Estimated number of exempted students to be sent packets annually after 1st year		433
Estimated staff time to prepare information packet 1st year		1 hour
Estimated staff time to prepare information packet annually after 1st year		1/4 hour
Estimated hourly rate		\$20
# of School Administrative Units		164

Summary for All Schools

Cost of information packets to send to parents 1st year		\$	422.10
Cost to assemble information packets 1st year		\$	3,280.00
Total cost to send information packets to parents 1st year	100%	\$	3,702.10
General Fund appropriation needed to fund 90% 1st year	90%	\$	3,331.89
Cost of information packet to send to parents annually after 1st year		\$	32.48
Cost to assemble information packets annually after 1st year		\$	820.00
Total cost to send information packets to parents annually after 1st year	100%	\$	852.48
General Fund appropriation needed to fund 90% annually after 1st year	90%	\$	767.23

Additional costs to the Department of Education to establish procedures to reimburse local school administrative units can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.