



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 171(06)

An Act To Establish a Process for the Implementation of Universal Voluntary Public Preschool Programs for Children 4 Years of Age

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-508)

S "A" (S-518) to C "A" (S-508)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

Undetermined future biennium cost increase - General Fund

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$69,877 to the PK, Adult Education and Federal Programs Team program within the Department of Education for 80% of the cost of one Early Childhood coordinator position and related all other beginning in fiscal year 2014-15. This bill also includes a corresponding deappropriation of \$69,877 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education which reduces funding for the bus refurbishing program in order to fund the appropriation. The cost to the Department of Education to provide professional development to those school administrative units (SAU's) that choose to utilize the uniform common statewide assessment program beginning in fiscal year 2016-17 can not be determined at this time.

This bill provides for one-time start-up grant funds to be available to those SAU's that submit an implementation plan to the Department of Education to operate a new or expand an existing public preschool program. This bill requires that, beginning in fiscal 2015-16, \$4,000,000 per year in slot machine and table games revenue received by the department must be used to provide start-up grants for approved public preschool programs.