



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1769

LR 2735(03)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Report Defining Cost Responsibility for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Students Receiving Services from the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-479)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Governor Baxter School for the Deaf (MECDHH/GBSD) estimates that the requirements in this legislation will increase costs to the school by approximately \$360,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2015-16. State funding for the MECDHH/GBSD is included in the annual General Fund appropriation for the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education as part of the miscellaneous costs and adjustments. The department has indicated that it will include funding for the additional costs associated with this legislation in its budget beginning in fiscal year 2015-16. Unless additional General Fund support is provided to the miscellaneous costs and adjustments category beginning in fiscal year 2015-16, other line items within that category may need to be reduced in order to support the increased funding to the MECDHH/GBSD.