



**Fiscal Notes for
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127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 6

LR 323(06)

Resolve, To Implement Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Strengthen the Ethics Practices and Procedures for Executive Branch Employees

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-52)
H "A" (H-87) to C "A" (H-52)
Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$58,491	\$77,993	\$80,183	\$82,440
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$58,491	\$77,993	\$80,183	\$82,440

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS) of \$58,491 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$77,993 in fiscal year 2016-17 for one Staff Development Specialist IV position and related costs to develop a consolidated code of ethics and conduct for executive branch employees. DAFS must also develop and implement a training and communications plan to increase awareness and accountability regarding the code, which must be in conformity with certain recommendations made by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. DAFS will submit a report, along with implementing legislation, to the Government Oversight Committee and the State and Local Government Committee by December 1, 2015.

Any additional costs to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election practices are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 11

LR 76(03)

An Act To Exempt the Sale of the United States Flag from the Sales Tax

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-11)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$93,337	\$129,926	\$135,772	\$141,883
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$93,337)	(\$129,926)	(\$135,772)	(\$141,883)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$4,913)	(\$6,838)	(\$7,146)	(\$7,467)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill exempts from sales tax sales of the United States flag as long as the flag is made of cloth. It would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$93,337 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$129,926 in fiscal year 2016-17 and a loss to the Local Government Fund of \$4,913 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$6,838 in fiscal year 2016-17.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 57

LR 681(03)

An Act To Increase Mileage Reimbursement and Compensation for Jurors

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-90)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$460,869	\$614,492	\$614,492	\$614,492
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$460,869	\$614,492	\$614,492	\$614,492

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Judicial Department of \$460,868 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$614,492 in fiscal year 2016-17 to increase juror mileage reimbursement from 15¢ per mile to the rate specified for state employees, currently 44¢ per mile, and to increase the per diem rate paid to jurors from \$10 to \$20.

The Governor's proposed biennial budget for 2016-2017 contains \$160,312 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$454,179 in fiscal year 2016-17 to increase juror mileage reimbursement from 15¢ per mile to the rate specified for state employees, currently 44¢ per mile, beginning in the 2nd year of the biennium, fiscal year 2016-17, and to increase the per diem rate paid to jurors from \$10 to \$15. This bill is in conflict with the proposed biennial budget and may need to be revisited after final legislative action on that budget.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 60

LR 134(03)

An Act To Ensure Proper Funding for Teacher Retirement

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-14)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$18,944,530	\$19,638,890	\$19,638,890	\$19,638,890
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$18,944,530	\$19,638,890	\$19,638,890	\$19,638,890

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes new General Fund appropriations of \$18,944,530 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$19,638,890 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Teacher Retirement program within the Department of Education to fund the portion of normal teacher retirement costs currently paid by school administrative units. This bill also includes General Fund appropriations of \$18,346,560 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$18,957,388 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Teacher Retirement program and corresponding General Fund deappropriations to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program representing the current state share of the normal cost of teacher retirement in order to aggregate all the state funding in one program.

This fiscal note assumes that the initiatives affecting funding for the normal cost component for teacher retirement in the Governor's 2016-2017 Biennial Budget are enacted as proposed. The fiscal impact of this bill may need to be revised based on final legislative action on that budget.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 63

LR 809(03)

Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Supplemental Reimbursement to Adult Family Care Homes and Residential Care Facilities in Remote Island Locations

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-49)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$17,519	\$26,277	\$26,277	\$26,277
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$17,519	\$26,277	\$26,277	\$26,277
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$25,051	\$37,576	\$37,576	\$37,576
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$2,240	\$3,361	\$3,361	\$3,361
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$25,051	\$37,576	\$37,576	\$37,576
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$2,240	\$3,361	\$3,361	\$3,361

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations for the Department of Health and Human Services of \$17,519 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$26,277 beginning in fiscal year 2016-17 to amend its rules governing MaineCare reimbursement for both adult family care services and private nonmedical institution services to provide supplemental MaineCare reimbursement of an additional 15% to adult family care homes and residential care facilities in remote island locations.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 90

LR 430(03)

Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Personal Needs Allowances for Persons Residing in Long-term Care Facilities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-65)
Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$625,341	\$1,500,817	\$1,500,817	\$1,500,817
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$625,341	\$1,500,817	\$1,500,817	\$1,500,817
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$169,376	\$406,503	\$406,503	\$406,503
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$169,376	\$406,503	\$406,503	\$406,503

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$625,341 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$1,500,817 in fiscal year 2016-17 to provide increases in the personal needs allowances of residents in residential care facilities from \$70 to \$90 and for residents in nursing facilities from \$40 to \$50. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for additional matching federal revenue expected to be available.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 91

LR 602(03)

An Act To Allow Dental Hygienists To Prescribe Fluoride Dentifrice and Antibacterial Rinse

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-139)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$6,750	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$6,750	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$20,250	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$20,250	\$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 \$6,750 and a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation of \$20,250 in fiscal year 2015-16 for technology changes to MIHMS to change the Point-of-Sale application that pays for prescriptions at a pharmacy and OIT oversight for vendor change management. There could also be additional claims to MaineCare. It is currently unknown how many patients would receive this service from a Dental Hygienist who had not received it in the past from a dentist.

Additional costs to the Board of Dental Examiners affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to amend its rules to include the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 93

LR 437(03)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits for the Town of Berwick and the City of Sanford

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-128)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$95,000	\$171,000
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$95,000)	(\$171,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	(\$5,000)	(\$9,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill expands the Pine Tree Development Zone program to include the Towns of Berwick and Sanford. It is not expected that a qualified project would be certified before fiscal year 2017-18, therefore the General Fund and Local Government Fund revenue loss does not begin until outside the biennium.

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



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 109

LR 910(03)

An Act To Ensure Maine Companies Have Access to Skilled Labor

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-20)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$75,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$75,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 only for the New Mainers Resource Center for its program to assist foreign-trained skilled professionals. Public Law 2013, chapter 368, Part A, section 23 included General Fund appropriations of \$75,000 per year in fiscal year 2013-14 and fiscal year 2014-15 to the Adult Education program within the Department of Education for a full-time Coordinator position to establish a welcome center for foreign-trained workers within the Portland adult education program and to develop a comprehensive program designed to serve foreign-trained workers.

The Governor's Proposed Budget for the 2016-2017 Biennium includes \$75,000 in both fiscal year 2015-16 and fiscal year 2016-17 in the baseline budget for the Adult Education program within the Department of Education to continue funding for this initiative.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 140

LR 1060(06)

An Act To Expand Access To Lifesaving Opioid Overdose Medication

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-248)
H "A" (H-278) to C "A" (H-248)
Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$28,448	\$28,296	\$28,296	\$28,296
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$28,448	\$28,296	\$28,296	\$28,296
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$47,352	\$47,504	\$47,504	\$47,504
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$47,352	\$47,504	\$47,504	\$47,504

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Eliminates Class D crimes, Class E crimes and civil violations.
A reduction in fines will decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$28,448 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$28,296 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Department of Health and Human Services which allows for the prescription of naloxone hydrochloride by standing order to friends or other persons in a position to assist an individual at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose in addition to immediate family members



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 164

LR 357(05)

An Act To Establish the Maine Length of Service Award Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-151)

H "A" (H-177) to C "A" (H-151)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires the municipal fire department to submit a list of all persons who were eligible volunteers during a calendar year to the board for review and approval.
Requires the fire chief to resolve any disputes related to the service credit shown.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

Insignificant statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill creates the Maine Length of Service Award Program with the intent to provide paid length of service awards to eligible volunteers who provide qualified services in a municipal fire department as an active part-time or on-call firefighter or a volunteer firefighter or as an emergency medical services person. A board is established to govern the program. Administrative expenses are to be paid from the assets of the program fund. The program is required to accept contributions from the State, municipalities, municipal fire departments or associated organizations, the Federal Government and participants. There is no requirement contributions be made by any entity.

Any costs to the Attorney General to serve as advisor to the board or to the Treasurer of State to review and approve investment options are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 170

LR 173(03)

An Act To Remove the 180-day Active Duty Requirement for the Property Tax Exemption for Vietnam Veterans

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-15)
Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$5,700	\$5,800
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$5,700	\$5,800

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill removes the 180 day active duty requirement for Vietnam War veterans to claim a property tax exemption. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services would require a General Fund appropriation of \$5,700 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$5,800 in fiscal year 2018-19 to reimburse municipalities.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 210

LR 1300(03)

An Act To Provide for Special Restrictions on Dissemination and Use of Criminal History Record Information for Class E Crimes Committed by an Adult under 21 Years of Age

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-240)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$21,996	\$10,996	\$10,996	\$10,996
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$21,996	\$10,996	\$10,996	\$10,996

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$21,996 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$10,996 in fiscal year 2016-17 for the Judicial Department to handle an anticipated increase in the number of motions filed.

Additional costs to the Department of Public Safety associated with implementing this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 215

LR 845(03)

An Act To Improve Student Retention in Maine's Postsecondary Institutions

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-21)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$250,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 to Jobs for Maine's Graduates to support college retention efforts for eligible students. Additional costs to Jobs for Maine's Graduates to develop the required implementation plan and to prepare the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 222

LR 1602(03)

An Act To Reduce Commercial Shellfish License Fees for Persons under 18 Years of Age

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-33)
Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$4,136	\$4,136	\$4,136	\$4,136
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$4,136)	(\$4,136)	(\$4,136)	(\$4,136)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$550)	(\$550)	(\$550)	(\$550)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill reduces the cost of a commercial shellfish license from \$133 to \$67 for applicants under 18 years of age starting May 1, 2016. This will annually reduce revenue to the General Fund and to the Shellfish Fund account within the Department of Marine Resources by \$4,136 and \$550, respectively, beginning in fiscal year 2015-16.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 231

LR 159(03)

An Act To Ensure That Schoolchildren with Dyslexia Receive the Assistance Needed

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-279)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$73,004	\$101,793	\$105,418	\$109,188
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$73,004	\$101,793	\$105,418	\$109,188

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires school administrative units to screen certain students for dyslexia.	School	Moderate statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$73,004 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$101,793 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Special Services Team program within the Department of Education for the personal services and all other costs for one Education Specialist III position to serve as a dyslexia coordinator within the department effective October 1, 2015.

Although this bill contains General Fund appropriations to fund the dyslexia coordinator position, the Governor's proposed 2016-2017 biennial budget includes an initiative to create a federally funded Education Specialist III position as part of a proposal to reorganize the Special Services Team. According to the department, this position, if approved, can be used for the dyslexia coordinator and the General Fund position included in this bill will not be needed. Depending on the final actions of the Legislature on the 2016-2017 biennial budget, this fiscal note may need to be adjusted.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 249

LR 1034(03)

An Act To Enable Seniors To Remain in Their Homes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-10)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Home Weatherization and Repair for Seniors Fund as a non-lapsing fund within the Department of Economic and Community Development and includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$750,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 for the newly created Home Weatherization and Repair for Seniors Program. Additional costs to the Department of Economic and Community Development to administer the program can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 261

LR 748(03)

Resolve, Directing the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Maine State Museum Commission To Study the Replacement of Statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-34)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$3,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 to the Maine Arts Commission for the costs associated with the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Maine State Museum Commission to study the public's interest in, the procedures for, and the feasibility of, replacing one or both statues currently in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol and to submit the required report.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 280

LR 645(03)

An Act To Exempt Military Pensions and Survivor Benefits from Maine Income Tax

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-211)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$11,850,300	\$9,233,050	\$9,380,300	\$9,538,000
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$11,850,300)	(\$9,233,050)	(\$9,380,300)	(\$9,538,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$623,700)	(\$485,950)	(\$493,700)	(\$502,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill exempts military pension and survivor benefit income from income tax and would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$11,850,300 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$9,233,050 in fiscal year 2016-17 and a loss of Local Government Fund revenue of \$623,700 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$485,950 in fiscal year 2016-17.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 284

LR 987(03)

An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Overwidth Farm Tractors on Public Ways

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-31)
Committee: Transportation**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,350	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$1,350)	(\$1,800)	(\$1,800)	(\$1,800)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing all overwidth farming vehicles to operate on public ways will reduce General Fund fine revenue by \$1,350 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$1,800 in fiscal year 2016-17.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 290

LR 986(03)

An Act To Refund the Sales Tax Paid on Fuel Used in Commercial Agricultural Production and Commercial Wood Harvesting

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-138)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$9,963,600	\$13,019,750	\$13,656,202	\$14,268,999
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$9,963,600)	(\$13,019,750)	(\$13,656,202)	(\$14,268,999)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$524,400)	(\$685,250)	(\$718,748)	(\$751,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides a sales and use tax refund or exemption for fuel used in commercial wood harvesting or commercial agricultural production. It would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$9,963,600 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$13,019,750 in fiscal year 2016-17 and a loss to the Local Government Fund of \$524,400 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$685,250 in fiscal year 2016-17.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 300

LR 1136(03)

An Act To Appropriate Funds To Help Restore the Historic Wood Island Life Saving Station in Kittery

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-2)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for the costs associated with planning, designing and restoring the Wood Island Life Saving Station in the Town of Kittery.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 365

LR 1218(03)

An Act To Provide a Tax Reduction for Modifications To Make a Home More Accessible for a Person with a Disability

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-277)
Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$50,000	\$143,250	\$171,125	\$185,375
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$50,000	\$72,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$71,250)	(\$121,125)	(\$135,375)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$3,750)	(\$6,375)	(\$7,125)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation creates a tax credit for expenses incurred for certain home modifications to make a homestead accessible to an individual with a disability or physical hardship and would result in a reduction in General Fund revenue of \$71,250 in fiscal year 2016-17 and a reduction in Local Government Fund revenue of \$3,750 in fiscal year 2016-17. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services of \$22,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 for computer programming charges.

This bill also includes General Fund appropriations of \$50,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 to a newly created Home Modification Certification program within the Maine State Housing Authority for the cost of making the required certification.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 370

LR 1383(03)

An Act To Amend the Lobbyist Disclosure Procedures Law

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-14)
Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$59,900	\$65,600	\$59,900	\$65,600
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$59,900)	(\$65,600)	(\$59,900)	(\$65,600)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$59,900	\$65,600	\$59,900	\$65,600

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill directs that 100% of registration fees from lobbyists and lobbyist associates be deposited into an Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (Commission). Under current law, 50% of these fees goes into the Commission's Other Special Revenue Funds account and 50% goes to the General Fund. This will reduce General Fund undedicated revenue and increase Other Special Revenue Funds revenue credited to the Commission by an estimated \$59,900 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$65,600 in fiscal year 2016-17.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 418

LR 1416(03)

Resolve, To Study the Use of Social Impact Bonds as a Funding Mechanism for Public Education Programs in Maine

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-10)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring the University of Maine System's Education Research Institute to study the use of social impact bonds to fund extended learning programs and prekindergarten programs and to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by December 2, 2015 is estimated to cost \$18,750 in fiscal year 2015-16.

The Governor's proposed budget for the 2016-2017 biennium includes funding within the Department of Education's General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program of \$250,000 in both fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 to support the work of the institute which was established by the Legislature in Public Law 1995, c. 395, Part J to collect and analyze education information and perform targeted education research for the Legislature.

This fiscal note assumes that funding for the Education Research Institute in the 2016-2017 biennial budget will be sufficient to support the costs of this legislation and the study will be included in the 2015-2016 workplan approved by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and, therefore, no General Fund appropriation is required. This estimate of fiscal impact may need to be revised based on the final legislative actions in the first regular session of the 127th Legislature.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 419

LR 1664(03)

An Act To Establish the Summer Success Program Fund

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-450)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$76,729	\$99,394	\$103,116	\$106,986
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$76,729	\$99,394	\$103,116	\$106,986
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$76,729 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$99,394 in fiscal year 2016-17 to a newly established Summer Success Program within the Department of Education for one Education Specialist III position and related all other costs to implement and administer the Maine Summer Success Program.

This bill also includes Other Special Revenue Funds base allocations of \$500 per year beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 in the event that funds are received from other sources such as grants, gifts or other monies from State, federal or local sources, from any person, firm, partnership or corporation and from social impact bonds.

The Department of Education is required to provide funding to cover 90% of the costs of summer success programs in eligible school administrative units beginning in fiscal year 2016-17 through a grant application process. If sufficient funding is not available to support this requirement through the alternative sources of funding listed in the bill, additional General Fund appropriations will be required.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 431

LR 760(03)

An Act To Strengthen the Laws Prohibiting Stalking

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-49)

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 a Class D crime to a Class C crime.

Establishes new Class C and Class B crimes, increasing correctional, indigent legal and judicial costs.

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

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Changes in sentencing will increase costs to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services by an average of \$638 per case, with new cases estimated to cost \$1,500 per case. The Department of Corrections will also experience incarceration costs. The average daily cost is \$107.71 per prisoner. The total number of individuals charged and sentenced in any fiscal year cannot be estimated at this time.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 443

LR 231(03)

An Act To Help Stabilize Homeless Shelters and Shelters for Victims of Human Trafficking in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-273)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
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
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$250,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$2,000,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 to the Shelter Operating Subsidy program within the Maine State Housing Authority to increase funding for homeless shelters.

This bill requires that, no later than August 31, 2015, the State Controller distribute \$100,000 of the funds received from settlement agreement reached between the United States and McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., and Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC on February 2, 2015 and received by the State on March 10, 2015 to the Shelter Rehabilitation for Victims of Human Trafficking, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Maine State Housing Authority for the rehabilitation of a building to be used as a shelter for victims of human trafficking. This bill includes a one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 to the Maine State Housing Authority for that purpose.

This bill also requires that the State Controller distribute \$150,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the funds received from the settlement agreement reached between the United States, McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC on February 2, 2015 and received by the State on March 10, 2015 to the Shelter Operations for Victims of Human Trafficking account within the Department of Health and Human Services for the operating costs of a shelter for victims of human trafficking. This bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$150,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Department of Health and Human Services for that purpose.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 445

LR 1353(03)

An Act Regarding the Sick Days of an Employee Who Is Terminated While on Sick Leave

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-78)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$32,500	\$32,500	\$32,500	\$32,500
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$32,500	\$32,500	\$32,500	\$32,500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$32,500 per year beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 to the Regulation and Enforcement program within the Department of Labor for the costs associated with the additional enforcement and compliance assistance needed as a result of this legislation.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 477

LR 1045(03)

Resolve, To Increase Funding To Support Peer Centers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-160)
Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$147,944	\$147,944	\$147,944	\$147,944
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$147,944	\$147,944	\$147,944	\$147,944

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes annual General Fund appropriations beginning in FY 2015-16 of \$147,944 to increase the contracts for Peer Support Centers by 10%.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 498

LR 1429(03)

An Act To Restore the Super Credit for Substantially Increased Research and Development

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-96)
Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$4,035,315	\$2,814,660	\$3,027,745	\$3,130,250
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$4,035,315)	(\$2,814,660)	(\$3,027,745)	(\$3,130,250)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$212,385)	(\$148,140)	(\$159,355)	(\$164,750)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

PL 2013 c. 502 suspended the availability of the super credit for tax years after January 1, 2014. This bill restores that availability retroactive to January 1, 2014 and changes the definition of the super credit base amount. General Fund revenue would be reduced by \$4,035,315 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$2,814,660 in fiscal year 2016-17 and Local Government Fund revenues would be reduced by \$212,385 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$148,140 in fiscal year 2016-17.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 512

LR 749(03)

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

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-86)

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 certain assault penalties from Class B crimes to Class A crimes, increasing correctional and judicial costs. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Corrections will incur additional costs as a result of the increase in the length of sentence. The average cost of a Class A crime is \$203,141 per sentence based on an average length of stay of 1,886 days. The average cost of a Class B crime is \$62,687 per sentence based on an average length of stay of 582 days. The Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services will also experience an increase in costs, estimated to be \$1,502 per case. The number of occurrences in any given fiscal year is not projected at this time.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 552

LR 628(03)

An Act To Provide Funding for Home Visiting Services

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-161)
Committee: Health and Human Services**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$2,200,000 beginning in FY 2016-17 for the Department of Health and Human Services for home visiting services to provide essential child development education and skill development for new parents.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 582

LR 1361(03)

An Act To Establish a State Educational Medicaid Officer

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-227)
Committee: Health and Human Services**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$33,325	\$45,431	\$46,633	\$47,834
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$33,325	\$45,431	\$46,633	\$47,834
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$33,325	\$45,431	\$46,633	\$47,834
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$33,325	\$45,431	\$46,633	\$47,834

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$33,325 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$45,431 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Department of Health and Human Services for a Comprehensive Health Planner II position to work as the liaison between DOE, DHHS and the school administrative units to help schools alleviate the challenges in navigating the complexity of Mainecare billing and improve communication. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required for the administrative federal match.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 592

LR 915(03)

An Act To Extend to Certain Fruit and Vegetable Growers the Sales Tax Exemption for Fuel

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-136)
Committee: Taxation**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$134,584	\$242,250	\$249,517	\$257,004
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$134,584)	(\$242,250)	(\$249,517)	(\$257,004)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$7,083)	(\$12,750)	(\$13,133)	(\$13,526)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill exempts from sales tax 95% of the sale price of fuel used in certain agricultural production and would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$134,584 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$242,250 in fiscal year 2016-17 and a loss to the Local Government Fund of \$7,083 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$12,750 in fiscal year 2016-17.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 651

LR 869(03)

An Act To Amend Maine's Sex Trafficking and Child Welfare Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-96)

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.

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



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 652

LR 280(19)

An Act To Authorize the Carrying of Concealed Handguns without a Permit

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-119)

S "B" (S-153) to C "A" (S-119)

S "D" (S-175) to C "A" (S-119)

S "C" (S-174) to C "A" (S-119)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$98,648	\$131,530	\$131,530	\$131,530
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$202,451)	(\$277,495)	(\$285,309)	(\$293,302)
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$98,648)	(\$131,530)	(\$131,530)	(\$131,530)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$153,630)	(\$204,839)	(\$204,839)	(\$204,839)

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Eliminates Class D and Class E crimes.

A reduction in fines will decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill authorizes a person who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm to carry a concealed weapon without a permit. The permitting process would remain for those individuals needing a permit for reciprocity with another state. The bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds deallocations of \$202,451 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$277,495 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the Department of Public Safety from eliminating 2 Office Associate II positions, one State Police Detective position, one contracted position and related costs. General Fund revenue would be reduced by \$98,648 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$131,530 in fiscal year 2016-17 and Other Special Revenue Funds revenue would be reduced by \$153,630 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$204,839 in fiscal year 2016-17.

Any additional costs to the Department of Public Safety associated with this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 661

LR 1213(03)

An Act To Fund HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Viral Hepatitis Screening, Prevention, Diagnostic and Treatment Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-174)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$391,800	\$391,800	\$391,800	\$391,800
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$391,800	\$391,800	\$391,800	\$391,800

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$391,800 per year beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide screening and prevention services and diagnostic and treatment services for individuals throughout the State who are uninsured and without covered access to such services and who are at risk in accordance with criteria established by the program.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 679

LR 326(03)

An Act To Prohibit the Unauthorized Dissemination of Certain Private Images

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-430)

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 D crimes, increases county correctional costs and judicial costs.

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

The additional General Fund cost to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services is estimated to be \$7,900 annually.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 686

LR 110(03)

An Act To Promote Privacy in Social Media

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-440)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue increase - General Fund

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$27,366	\$36,594	\$37,918	\$39,294
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$27,366	\$36,594	\$37,918	\$39,294

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$27,366 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$36,594 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Regulation and Enforcement program within the Department of Labor for one part-time Wage and Hour Inspector position and related all other costs from the increased enforcement activity associated with the disclosure of personal social media account information.

The amount of General Fund revenue to be received from graduated fines imposed by the Department of Labor cannot be determined at this time.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 727

LR 1219(03)

An Act To Allow the Retrofit of Underground Oil Storage Tanks

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-48)

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Board of Environmental Protection within the Department of Environmental Protection to have rules allowing people to retrofit single-walled underground oil storage tanks and to require site assessments when a tank is retrofitted in a certain manner. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$2,500 in fiscal year 2015-16 to fund these rulemaking costs.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 729

LR 492(03)

An Act To Add Acetylfentanyl and Methylfentanyl Derivatives to the List of Schedule W Drugs

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-145)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class A, Class B and Class C crimes; increases correctional and judicial costs.
The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.
As acetylfentanyl has only rarely been seen in Maine no cases are anticipated in the current biennium.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 787

LR 1317(06)

An Act To Provide Tax Credits for Adult Day Care and Respite and Hospice Care

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-95)

S "A" (S-72)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$142,500	\$142,500	\$142,500	\$142,500
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$142,500)	(\$142,500)	(\$142,500)	(\$142,500)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$7,500)	(\$7,500)	(\$7,500)	(\$7,500)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill expands eligibility for the income tax credit for child and dependent care expenses to include expenses paid for adult day care, respite care and hospice care and would result in a reduction in General Fund revenue of \$142,500 beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 and a reduction in Local Government Fund revenue of \$7,500 beginning in fiscal year 2015-16.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 831

LR 791(03)

Resolve, To Reduce MaineCare Spending through Targeted Prevention Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-281)
Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$55,523	\$19,303	\$19,303	\$19,303
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$55,523	\$19,303	\$19,303	\$19,303
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$147,443	\$32,406	\$32,406	\$32,406
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$147,443	\$32,406	\$32,406	\$32,406

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$55,523 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$19,303 in fiscal year 2016-17 for prepared meals to be delivered to individuals in the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 19 Home and Community Benefits for the Elderly and for Adults with Disabilities program and are also experiencing transitions of care, having debilitating or acute illnesses or are primarily homebound. Funding is also required for technology changes and testing to the Maine Integrated Health Management Solution. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included in this bill for the FMAP match.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 839

LR 902(03)

An Act To Increase Conservation District Funding

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-88)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$200,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 for soil and water conservation districts.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 840

LR 1820(03)

An Act To Collect and Report Data on the Implementation of Proficiency-based Diplomas and Standards-based Student Learning

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-292)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation requires the Department of Education to annually collect and report data regarding the progress of public schools and public charter schools towards implementing proficiency-based diplomas. The Department of Education has indicated that the funding to support the data collection costs associated with this requirement is included in LD 1019, the Governor's proposed 2016-2017 biennial budget. Therefore, no General Fund appropriations are needed. If, however, the funding for the department's data collection efforts is not included as part of the final actions of the Legislature on the 2016-2017 biennial budget, this fiscal note may need to be adjusted.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 845

LR 1548(03)

An Act To Address Unmet Public Transportation Needs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-121)

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Transportation of \$3,000,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 for public transportation services. The funds must be distributed to public transportation providers statewide with the stated goal being to better meet the need for such services.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 853

LR 922(03)

An Act To Allow Secondary Schools To Grant Certificates of Academic Proficiency

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-294)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation requires the Department of Education to collect and aggregate data regarding the issuance of certificates of content area proficiency. The Department of Education has indicated that the funding to support the data collection costs associated with this requirement is included in LD 1019, the Governor's proposed 2016-2017 biennial budget. Therefore, no General Fund appropriations are needed. If, however, the funding for the department's data collection efforts is not included as part of the final actions of the Legislature on the 2016-2017 biennial budget, this fiscal note may need to be adjusted.

**127th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 860****LR 1699(04)****Resolve, To Adjust Reimbursement Rates for Dental Services and Improve Access to Dental Care under the MaineCare Program****Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-235)****Committee: Health and Human Services****Fiscal Note**

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,187,721	\$2,840,764	\$3,960,033	\$5,079,303
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,187,721	\$2,840,764	\$3,960,033	\$5,079,303
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$2,039,459	\$4,769,106	\$6,648,148	\$8,527,189
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$5,600	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$2,039,459	\$4,769,106	\$6,648,148	\$8,527,189
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$5,600	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) of \$1,187,721 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$2,840,764 in fiscal year 2016-17 to incrementally adjust the MaineCare reimbursement rates for certain dental services annually over the next 5 years until the rates reach the 10th percentile of the fees for the New England region in the most recent "Survey of Dental Fees" published by the American Dental Association, to add restorative, diagnostic and preventive dental services to pregnant and postpartum women for one year after delivery, and to cover Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES) and Maine Integrated Health Management Solution changes, testing and Office of Information Technology oversight. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match. An Other Special Revenue Funds allocation is also included in fiscal year 2015-16 to allow expenditure of DHHS allocation plan revenue received for ACES changes.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 867

LR 1050(03)

An Act To Provide Tax Fairness and To Lower Medical Expenses for Patients under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-178)
Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$255,300	\$253,650	\$272,650	\$286,900
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$33,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$222,300)	(\$253,650)	(\$272,650)	(\$286,900)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$11,700)	(\$13,350)	(\$14,350)	(\$15,100)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation allows medical marijuana dispensaries to deduct expenses and qualified patients to deduct the cost of medical marijuana purchased and would result in a reduction in General Fund revenue of \$222,300 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$253,650 in fiscal year 2016-17 and a reduction in Local Government Fund revenue of \$11,700 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$13,350 in fiscal year 2016-17. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services of \$33,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 for computer programming changes.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 898

LR 1646(03)

An Act To Reduce Student Loan Debt through an Expansion of the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-229)
Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$95,000	\$123,500	\$152,000
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$95,000)	(\$123,500)	(\$152,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$5,000)	(\$6,500)	(\$8,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill allows Maine residents with out-of-state degrees available as part of the regional student program offered by the New England Board of Higher Education to receive the educational opportunity tax credit as long as no more than 30 credit hours were obtained from a non-qualifying non-Maine institution. This change would result in a reduction in General Fund revenue of \$95,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 and a reduction in Local Government Fund revenue of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2016-17.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 921

LR 1243(05)

An Act To Strengthen the Right of a Victim of Sexual Assault or Domestic Violence To Take Necessary Leave from Employment

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "B" (H-240)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue increase - General Fund

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$46,467	\$54,972	\$56,267	\$57,614
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$46,467	\$54,972	\$56,267	\$57,614

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$46,467 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$54,972 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Regulation and Enforcement program within the Department of Labor for one half-time Labor and Safety Inspector position and related All Other costs associated with the additional enforcement activity expected to occur as a result of this legislation.

According to the Department of Labor, increasing the penalty to employers that violate the employment leave for victims of violence law to include the requirement that employers pay liquidated damages or reinstate affected individuals with back wages if that individual was terminated will result in more complaints being filed that will require more enforcement activity by the Bureau of Labor Standards.

Increasing the penalty that may be assessed for a violation from \$200 per violation to \$1,000 per violation may result in increased General Fund revenue from penalties. The amount will depend on actual experience.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 925

LR 1543(03)

An Act To Promote Small Diversified Farms and Small Food Producers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-335)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$17,100	\$22,800	\$22,800	\$22,800
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$17,100)	(\$22,800)	(\$22,800)	(\$22,800)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill exempts agricultural producers and home kitchen producers from licensing requirements for the sale of farm food products and homemade food, respectively, when their products are sold to informed end consumers and the sale occurs at certain locations. These licenses are \$20 each and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has indicated that 1,140 of these licenses would no longer be issued. General Fund revenue will be reduced by an estimated \$17,100 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$22,800 in fiscal year 2016-17 and in every subsequent fiscal year from fewer licenses being issued.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 941

LR 1142(03)

An Act To Improve Tax Expenditure Transparency and Accountability

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-296)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$168,884	\$237,280	\$245,771	\$254,602
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$168,884	\$237,280	\$245,771	\$254,602

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides an appropriation of \$168,884 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$237,280 in fiscal year 2016-17 for two positions and related costs in the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability for tax expenditure review and evaluation. Additional costs to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services associated with this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 956

LR 324(03)

An Act To Create Community Schools

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-131)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$150,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program for 3 community schools to be part of a 5-year pilot project to be administered by the Department of Education.

This legislation provides that the department may employ a state community school coordinator to implement the pilot project. However, the department is uncertain as to whether or not additional staff will be needed for this purpose. If the need for additional resources becomes evident, the department will submit a budget request.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 969

LR 1305(03)

An Act To Preserve Jobs and Primary Care Services in Rural and Underserved Areas of Maine

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-68)
Committee: Health and Human Services**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes annual General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$1,500,000 beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 for the State's federally qualified health centers to support access to primary medical, behavioral health and dental services for residents in rural and underserved communities, as well as to assist with provider recruitment and retention.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 933

LR 48(03)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-147)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$80,755	\$81,342	\$84,362	\$87,502
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$80,755	\$81,342	\$84,362	\$87,502
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation establishes a new position to increase communication and cooperation between the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services and to monitor child hunger and nutrition programs in both departments. It also requires the departments to provide school administrative units and schools with analyses of existing child hunger and nutrition programs and the funding not being used. The Department of Education has indicated that a Planning & Research Associate II position will be needed to perform these duties as well as to provide staffing services to the Commission to End Student Hunger. This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$80,255 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$80,842 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the School Finance and Operations program within the Department of Education to support the personal services and all other costs of the position. Other Special Revenue Funds base allocations of \$500 per year beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 are provided to establish an account for the Commission to End Student Hunger within the Department of Education that can be used to accept contributions and other sources of funds to support the work of the commission and 4 privately funded hunger coordinators.

This bill also includes General Fund appropriations of \$500 per year beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 to the Legislature for the per diem costs and other expenses of one member of the Senate and one member of the House of Representatives to participate in up to 4 meetings of the Commission to End Student Hunger during each interim period.

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



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 983

LR 1434(05)

An Act To Clarify Wine Auction Licenses

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-226)

S "A" (S-238) to C "A" (S-226)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$48,381	\$65,960	\$68,399	\$70,936
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$48,381	\$65,960	\$68,399	\$70,936

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill allows the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations (BABLO) within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to issue wine auction permits for \$250 each, allowing permit holders to hold wine auctions to sell wine. Auctioned wine must not be available for purchase through a wholesaler or retailer in the State at the time the inventory is submitted to BABLO. BABLO currently requires registering certain labels for \$10 each. This new wine auction permit is estimated to reduce the number of people registering certain labels and results in a minor revenue loss to BABLO. The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$48,381 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$65,960 in fiscal year 2016-17 to establish one new Office Associate II position to ensure that wine being auctioned is not available for purchase in the State.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1000

LR 1790(03)

An Act To Define Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices for Purposes of the Sales Tax Law

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-110)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$129,200	\$171,000	\$180,500	\$190,000
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$129,200)	(\$171,000)	(\$180,500)	(\$190,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$6,800)	(\$9,000)	(\$9,500)	(\$10,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill exempts from sales tax sales of orthotic devices sold by prescription. It would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$129,200 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$171,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 and a loss to the Local Government Fund of \$6,800 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$9,000 in fiscal year 2016-17.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1002

LR 327(03)

An Act Regarding the Electronic Monitoring Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-220)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$500,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 to the Electronic Monitoring Fund at the State Board of Corrections for the increased use of electronic monitoring.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1004

LR 894(03)

An Act To Provide Incentives To Foster Economic Growth and Build Infrastructure in the State by Encouraging Visual Media Production

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-326)
Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$546,325	\$2,142,725	\$3,473,200	\$3,473,200
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$11,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$535,325)	(\$2,142,725)	(\$3,473,200)	(\$3,473,200)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$28,175)	(\$112,775)	(\$182,800)	(\$182,800)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation makes changes to the visual media production reimbursement and would result in a reduction in General Fund revenue of \$535,325 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$2,142,725 in fiscal year 2016-17 and a reduction in Local Government Fund revenue of \$28,175 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$112,775 in fiscal year 2016-17. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services of \$11,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 for computer programming charges.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1022

LR 1321(03)

An Act To Protect the Future of Harness Racing

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-377)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue decrease - General Fund
Contingent current biennium revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Under current law, 4% of the net slot machine income from Hollywood Casino is directed to the Fund to Encourage Racing at Maine's Commercial Tracks (Racing Fund), but this 4% of net slot income is directed to the General Fund if all commercial tracks obtain a license to operate slot machines. As this contingency has not been met, the 4% has never gone to the General Fund. This bill requires that 4% of net slot machine income continue to go to the Racing Fund regardless of whether or not all commercial tracks obtain licenses to operate slot machines. In fiscal year 2013-14, the Racing Fund received \$1,663,283 from Hollywood Casino's 4% of net slot machine income.

The bill requires all funds within the Racing Fund be disbursed to certain commercial tracks and agricultural fairs if a commercial track ceases operation and is not immediately replaced by a commercial track in the same region that is owned by the same owner as the commercial track ceasing operations. There is currently \$150,652 within the Racing Fund. Any amount remaining in the Racing Fund on January 30th of each year after payments are made to commercial tracks and agricultural fairs must be transferred to the Harness Racing Commission's operating account.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1040

LR 1081(03)

An Act To Enhance Funding Opportunities for the Youth Conservation Corps

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-86)

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes annual General Fund appropriations of \$20,000 beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 to the Department of Environmental Protection to contract with a qualifying private organization to establish and administer a program to reduce shoreline erosion and protect lake water quality.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1044

LR 1028(03)

An Act To Ensure That Collection Facilities Can Participate in the Architectural Paint Stewardship Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-157)

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill makes various changes to the stewardship program for architectural paint. It includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$5,000 to the Department of Environmental Protection in fiscal year 2015-16 for rulemaking costs related to changes in the program.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1062

LR 848(03)

An Act To Support Housing for Homeless Veterans

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-312)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 to the Maine State Housing Authority to establish the Homeless Veterans Housing Fund to support the construction of housing for homeless veterans by the Volunteers of America on the grounds of the United State Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Augusta. This legislation requires that \$1,000,000 of the General Fund's share of the Real Estate Transfer Tax in fiscal year 2015-16 be deposited into the Homeless Veterans Housing Fund to be matched on a 3-to-1 basis by outside sources. Any funds remaining in the Homeless Veterans Housing Fund at the end of fiscal year 2016-17 that were not matched by outside funds must be returned to the General Fund.

Additional costs to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Services associated with performing site inspections of the housing can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1078

LR 763(04)

An Act To Preserve MaineCare Assisted Living by Providing a 4% Rate Increase to Private Nonmedical Institutions and Adult Family Care Homes

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

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,982,660	\$4,025,426	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,982,660	\$4,025,426	\$0	\$0
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$2,939,876	\$6,016,548	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$248,959	\$507,877	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$2,939,876	\$6,016,548	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$248,959	\$507,877	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) of \$1,982,660 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$4,025,426 in fiscal year 2016-17 to give Residential Care Facilities and Appendix C Private Non Medical institutions a 4% rate increase in each fiscal year. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included in this bill for the FMAP match.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1121

LR 610(03)

An Act To Fund the Cold Case Homicide Unit in the Department of the Attorney General

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-92)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$319,590	\$300,553	\$308,169
Highway Fund	\$0	\$172,088	\$161,836	\$165,937
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$319,590	\$300,553	\$308,169
Highway Fund	\$0	\$172,088	\$161,836	\$165,937

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill establishes 2 State Police detective positions and one Forensic Chemist position to establish a cold case homicide unit. The bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Public Safety of \$319,590 in fiscal year 2016-17 and a Highway Fund allocation of \$172,088 in fiscal year 2016-17.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1141

LR 252(03)

An Act To Promote Degree Completion by Maine Community College Students

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-262)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
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 totaling \$3,800,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 to the Maine Community College System. Of that amount, \$1,800,000 per year is provided to support 27 College Navigator positions and \$2,000,000 per year is appropriated to expand student work study opportunities.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1142

LR 1063(03)

An Act Regarding the Taxation of Out-of-state Pensions

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-340)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,866,750	\$1,812,980	\$1,751,466	\$1,682,604
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$1,866,750)	(\$1,812,980)	(\$1,751,466)	(\$1,682,604)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$98,250)	(\$95,420)	(\$92,182)	(\$88,558)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation provides an income tax exemption for certain income from out of state pensions to the extent not otherwise included in federal adjusted gross income and would result in a reduction in General Fund revenue of \$1,866,750 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$1,812,980 in fiscal year 2016-17 and a reduction in Local Government Fund revenue of \$98,250 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$95,420 in fiscal year 2016-17.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1160

LR 1917(03)

An Act To Make Possession of a Firearm with an Altered or Obscured Serial Number a Class C Crime

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-165)

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 E crimes; increases correctional and judicial costs.

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



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1166

LR 1379(03)

An Act To Protect Taxpayers by Regulating Personal Services Contracts

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-170)
Committee: State and Local Government**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$58,539	\$79,526	\$82,507	\$85,609
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$58,539	\$79,526	\$82,507	\$85,609

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$58,539 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$79,526 in fiscal year 2016-17 for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for one Management Analyst II position and related costs to track contract information and make it available on a publicly accessible site on the Internet.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1202

LR 1926(03)

Resolve, To Ensure the Stocking of Inland Waters in the State

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-171)
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - Inland Fisheries & Wildlife General Fund Carrying Account

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill allows up to \$700,000 to be spent from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Account to contract for certain studies and, if any of the \$700,000 is left, to purchase fish to stock inland waters. There are sufficient funds available in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Account to expend \$700,000.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1212

LR 1915(03)

An Act To Support Transparency in Government through the Maine Capitol Connection Channel Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-127)
Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$451,950	\$465,509	\$465,509	\$465,509
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$451,950	\$465,509	\$465,509	\$465,509

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$451,950 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$465,509 per year beginning in fiscal year 2016-17 to fund the newly created Maine Capitol Connection Channel Program at the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1220

LR 1901(03)

An Act To Increase Funding for the Maine Community College System

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-107)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$2,772,926	\$2,911,573	\$2,911,573	\$2,911,573
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$2,772,926	\$2,911,573	\$2,911,573	\$2,911,573

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$2,772,926 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$2,911,573 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Maine Community College System.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1253

LR 1798(03)

An Act To Improve the Evaluation of Elementary and Secondary Schools

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-467)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$108,578	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$108,578	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$108,578 in fiscal year 2015-16 to the PK-20, Adult Education and Federal Programs Team within the Department of Education for 2 limited-period Education Specialist III positions and related all other costs to support the task force created to design a school assessment system to evaluate the performance of public schools, public charter schools and private schools approved for tuition purposes that enroll at least 60% publicly funded students in the State. The appropriation is to support the costs of the positions and the task force from October 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016.

The Department of Education indicates that it may require additional positions to support the increased workload associated with implementing a school assessment system to measure school performance and student proficiency that includes multiple measures of student achievement for the 2017-2018 school year. The department also indicates that the costs of implementing additional assessments beyond the summative assessments currently implemented by the State could be approximately \$7.0 million per year. This estimate is based on the assumption that, for any additional assessment required from the State for use in school evaluations, an alternate assessment for severely cognitively delayed students must also be developed. This fiscal note does not include General Fund appropriations to fund the positions or the additional assessments. However, depending on the recommendations of the task force and legislation reported out of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee during the second regular session of the 127th Legislature to implement the recommendations, additional General Fund appropriations may be required.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1260

LR 1980(03)

Resolve, Requiring the Judicial Department To Study Court Facility Needs in Oxford, Waldo and York Counties

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-190)
Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
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 provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 for the Judicial Department to provide architectural feasibility studies to improve court facilities in Oxford County, Waldo County and York County. The Judiciary Committee recommendations on the Governor's proposed budget for the 2016-2017 biennium, LD 1019, also includes \$300,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 for feasibility studies. This fiscal note may need to be revised after final legislative action on the biennial budget bill.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1272

LR 562(04)

An Act To Strengthen the Protections for Senior Citizens in the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-277)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$205,969	\$202,599	\$210,101	\$217,904
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$205,969	\$202,599	\$210,101	\$217,904

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the number of civil violations.

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 \$205,969 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$202,599 in fiscal year 2016-17 for two positions in the Department of the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute the financial exploitation of dependent adults.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1277

LR 1310(03)

An Act To Establish a Magnet School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-314)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation establishes the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering as a public, residential school to be located in the Town of Searsport effective with the 2017-2018 school year. The provisions in this bill that allow students from the State to attend the school free of tuition charges and for the State to pay the difference between the cost of room and board and the student's ability to pay that cost will increase General Fund costs to the State beginning in fiscal year 2017-18. The amount can not be determined at this time and will depend on the cost of tuition, the number of Maine students admitted to the school and the student's ability to pay for room and board. The requirement that the powers, duties and authority of the school cease 90 days after adjournment of the 1st Regular Session of the 129th Legislature unless legislative action is taken may limit the General Fund cost of this legislation to 2 years.

This legislation also authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering to borrow funds, issue bonds and negotiate notes and other evidences of indebtedness or obligations of the school for renovation and construction purposes but provides that the bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness are not debts of the State and do not pledge the credit of the State.

Additional costs to the Department of Education and the University of Maine System to serve on the board of trustees can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1291

LR 1769(03)

An Act To Promote Food Self-sufficiency for the People of the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-447)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$42,140	\$22,960	\$23,806	\$24,686
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$42,140	\$22,960	\$23,806	\$24,686
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$251	\$335	\$335	\$335

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to maintain an agricultural jobs network linking farms and facilities processing agricultural products grown in the State with available workers. This bill requires ACF to conduct an educational marketing campaign to promote food self-sufficiency and engage in the use of social media, radio advertising, posters, brochures and publicly accessible department websites. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 to conduct a statewide radio campaign, create posters and brochures and provide funds for website costs and General Fund appropriations of \$17,140 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$22,960 in fiscal year 2016-17 for one part-time Planning and Research Assistant position to assist the project, as well as communicate and educate constituents.

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, the Maine Community College System, the Department of Labor, the Department of Education and the Department of Economic and Community Development to implement the requirements of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1300

LR 1555(03)

An Act To Create and Sustain Jobs through Development of Cooperatives

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-396)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$87,000	\$76,000	\$76,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$11,000	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$76,000)	(\$76,000)	(\$76,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$4,000)	(\$4,000)	(\$4,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation allows a business owner to subtract from taxable income the gain recognized when transferring a business to an employee stock ownership plan or eligible worker-owner cooperative and would reduce General Fund revenue by \$76,000 beginning in fiscal year 2016-17 and reduce Local Government Fund revenue by \$4,000 beginning in fiscal year 2016-17. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services of \$11,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 for computer programming charges.

This legislation allows costs to the Finance Authority of Maine to maintain, service and administer the Cooperative Development Grants Fund to be paid by the fund. Therefore, no General Fund appropriations to FAME are required. Additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF), the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic and Community Development and the University of Maine System to identify and make best efforts to pursue federal sources of funding for the development of cooperatives and employee ownership can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Additional costs to ACF to ensure that ACF programs provide equal access to cooperative businesses and businesses seeking to convert to cooperative organization can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1307

LR 1484(03)

An Act To Fund the Maine Diversion Alert Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-106)
Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$95,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$95,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$95,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 for the Maine Diversion Alert Program.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1331

LR 1662(03)

An Act To Provide Enhanced Enforcement of the Laws Governing Alcoholic Beverages

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-373)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$307,523	\$407,605	\$422,914	\$438,835
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$307,523	\$407,605	\$422,914	\$438,835

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires, by July 1, 2016, the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations (BABLO) within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to hire 5 additional Liquor License Inspector positions, 3 of which must be trained as law enforcement officers. This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$7,500 in fiscal year 2015-16 for costs to train at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and \$300,023 and \$407,605 in fiscal year 2015-16 and 2016-17, respectively, for the establishment of 5 Liquor License Inspector positions and related costs. This fiscal note assumes that these Liquor License Inspector positions are eligible under the 1998 special retirement plan under Title 5, Section 17851-A.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1337

LR 790(03)

An Act To Fully Fund the Family Caregiver Respite Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-173)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$182,000	\$243,000	\$243,000	\$243,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$182,000	\$243,000	\$243,000	\$243,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$182,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$243,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 to relieve the waiting list in the family caregiver respite program within the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disabilities.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1343

LR 1573(03)

An Act To Increase Access to Postsecondary Education for Maine National Guard Members

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-364)
Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Fiscal Note

Potential tuition revenue loss - Public post-secondary educational institutions

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill establishes the Maine National Guard Postsecondary Fund within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and provides General Fund appropriations to the department of \$500,000 beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 to provide tuition assistance to eligible members.

The requirement that the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy waive tuition costs that exceed the amount of tuition benefit a member receives from the Maine National Guard Postsecondary Fund may result in a loss of tuition revenue to the State's public postsecondary educational institutions. The University of Maine System estimates it's loss of revenue to be approximately \$550,000 per year. No estimate is available for the other institutions at this time.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1348

LR 796(03)

An Act To Protect Older Adults from Financial Exploitation

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-196)
Committee: Health and Human Services**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes annual General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$175,000 beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 to support personal financial management assistance programs for senior citizens.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1350

LR 156(03)

Resolve, To Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Direct-care Workers Serving Adults with Long-term Care Needs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-371)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$12,798,769	\$17,065,023	\$17,065,023	\$17,065,023
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$12,798,769	\$17,065,023	\$17,065,023	\$17,065,023
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$15,068,052	\$20,090,734	\$20,090,734	\$20,090,734
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$15,068,052	\$20,090,734	\$20,090,734	\$20,090,734

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$12,798,769 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$17,065,023 in fiscal year 2016-17 to increase reimbursement rates 66% for providers of in-home and community support direct-care services. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match on MaineCare medical claims.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1360

LR 819(03)

An Act To Increase the Number of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Professionals in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-243)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Maine Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Loan Program within the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) and provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 to capitalize a newly created Maine Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Loan Fund within FAME to provide loans to students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in the fields of science, computer science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

This legislation makes the implementation of the loan program contingent upon an additional \$40,199,613 being appropriated in fiscal year 2015-16 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education and an additional \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 being appropriated to the Maine Community College System as part of LD 1019, the 2016-2107 biennial budget. Before final enactment in the Senate, this bill will be placed on the Special Appropriations Table to await final legislative actions on the budget, when it will be known whether or not the contingency requirements in this bill have been met and if this legislation can move forward.

This legislation also provides that interest earnings from the fund may be used to cover the expenses incurred by FAME to administer the program and the fund. FAME has indicated that this provision will allow for sufficient resources to cover the administrative costs and no additional General Fund appropriations will be required.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1372

LR 39(03)

An Act To Encourage the Redevelopment of Upper Floors of Buildings in Downtowns and on Main Streets

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-311)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

To include policies that assess community needs and environmental impacts as an element in a comprehensive plan for growth management for buildings in downtowns and on main streets.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

Insignificant statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1374

LR 1965(03)

An Act To Expand the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-151)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$65,360	\$98,040	\$124,165	\$150,290
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$65,360)	(\$98,040)	(\$124,165)	(\$150,290)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$3,440)	(\$5,160)	(\$6,535)	(\$7,910)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill expands the educational opportunity tax credit to Maine residents working on a vessel at sea and would result in a reduction in General Fund revenue of \$65,360 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$98,040 in fiscal year 2016-17 and a reduction in Local Government Fund revenue of \$3,440 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$5,160 in fiscal year 2016-17.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1376

LR 230(03)

An Act To Establish a Local Food Producers and Processors to Consumers Pilot Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-284)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$38,602	\$48,920	\$50,441	\$52,022
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$38,602	\$48,920	\$50,441	\$52,022
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$120	\$160	\$160	\$160

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill establishes the Local Food Producers and Processors to Consumers Pilot Program to facilitate the sale of local foods by producers and processors directly to consumers. The pilot program will take place in the towns of Blue Hill, Brooksville, Penobscot, Sedgwick and Brooklin. The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF), upon request of eligible producers and processors, to encourage best management practices for food safety, identify certain educational opportunities, make visits to producer and processor operations and assist and advise local food policy councils. This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$38,602 and \$48,920 in fiscal year 2015-16 and 2016-17, respectively, to establish a new part-time Consumer Protection Inspector to assist in the pilot program. This pilot program will end on March 31, 2022. Any additional revenue loss to ACF from issuing fewer licenses is expected to be minor.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1412

LR 644(03)

An Act To Fund a Training Partnership between Riverview Psychiatric Center and the University of Maine at Augusta

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-332)
Committee: Health and Human Services**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes one-time General Fund appropriations of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and fiscal year 2016-17 for Riverview Psychiatric Center to contract with the University of Maine at Augusta to provide training and educational opportunities for its staff.



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1423

LR 1997(04)

An Act To Expand Access to Workforce Development at Brunswick Landing

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-225)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$1,300,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 to the Maine Community College System to provide funding for the Southern Maine Community College to support the operations at its new Midcoast Campus at Brunswick Landing.