



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Extend the School Year

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Edgcomb of Caribou

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

State Mandate - Unfunded

| | FY 2011-12 | FY 2012-13 | Projections FY 2013-14 | Projections FY 2014-15 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| General Fund | \$30,684,032 | \$31,211,798 | \$31,748,641 | \$32,294,717 |
| Appropriations/Allocations | | | | |
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State Mandates

| Required Activity | Unit Affected | Local Cost |
|---|---------------|-----------------------|
| Increase the number of days in the school year by 5 days. | School | Significant 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

Extending the school year by 5 days is estimated to increase the total state and local cost of K-12 public education by \$55,789,150 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$56,748,723 in fiscal year 2012-13. The General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$30,684,032 and \$31,211,798 in fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13, respectively, to fund the State's required 55% share. These amounts are reflected in the suggested appropriations above.

In order to fully fund 90% of additional cost of increasing the number of days in a school year by 5 days, the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$19,526,202 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$19,862,053 in fiscal year 2012-13. These amounts are not reflected in the suggested appropriations above as the option exists to add the exempting mandate preamble.

| | Fiscal Year 2011-12 | Fiscal Year 2012-13 |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| State and Local expenditures ¹ | \$ 2,008,409,391 | \$ 2,042,954,033 |
| Current number of school days | 180 | 180 |
| Estimated expenditures per school day | \$ 11,157,830 | \$ 11,349,745 |
| Proposed increase in number of school days | 5 | 5 |
| Increase to total cost of K-12 Education: | \$ 55,789,150 | \$ 56,748,723 |
| Transition % | 100% | 100% |
| Total cost adjusted for transition % | \$ 55,789,150 | \$ 56,748,723 |
| State share (%) | 55% | 55% |
| State share (\$) | \$ 30,684,032 | \$ 31,211,798 |
| Local share (\$) | \$ 25,105,117 | \$ 25,536,925 |
| Total General Fund cost to fund 90% of requirement | \$ 50,210,235 | \$ 51,073,851 |
| Additional GF appropriation required | \$ 19,526,202 | \$ 19,862,053 |
| Local share @ 10% | \$ 5,578,915 | \$ 5,674,872 |

Notes:

¹ Based on fiscal year 2009-10 actual expenditures, excluding debt service, increased by Real Personal Income growth of 1.72% per year per Title 20-A, §15671.