



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Clarify Special Education Reporting Requirements

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Lovejoy of Portland

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires school administrative units to report legal disputes between a school administrative unit and a parent, surrogate parent or guardian of a child with a disability concerning a student's special education program to the Commissioner of Education and to maintain files on each dispute.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

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

Additional cost to the Department of Education to track the information submitted and to submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.