



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Ensure Effective Teaching and School Leadership

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Richardson of Carmel

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

<b>Required Activity</b>	<b>Unit Affected</b>	<b>Local Cost</b>
Requires school administrative units to develop and implement comprehensive performance evaluation and professional growth systems for teachers and principals.	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

The cost to local school administrative units can not be determined at this time and will depend on the standards and criteria developed by the Department of Education.

This legislation requires the Department of Education to establish a targeted funds component within the Essential Programs and Services funding model beginning with the 2013-2014 school year to be used to assist school administrative units in developing and implementing performance evaluation and professional growth systems. The amount of funding that will be available and whether that amount will be sufficient to fund 90% of the additional costs to school administrative units to implement the requirements of this legislation can not be determined at this time.

Additional costs to the Department of Education associated with rulemaking can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.