



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Direct the Commissioner of Education To Adopt a Model Policy Regarding Management of Head Injuries in School Activities and Athletics

Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires all public schools and those private schools enrolling more than 60% of their students at public expense to adopt and implement a policy on management of concussive and other head injuries in school activities, athletic practices and games that is consistent with the model policy proposed by the Commissioner of Education beginning January 1, 2013.

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

To the extent that the requirements included in this bill are already in place, the impact of this legislation on school administrative units is not expected to be significant. The impact to those school administrative units that have not put the requirements of this legislation into place may be more tangible but are still not expected to be significant.

Additional costs to the Department of Education to work with stakeholders and interested parties to develop the required model policy can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.