

127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill Sponsor: Rep. Morrison of South Portland Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

State Mandate - Unfunded

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings) General Fund	\$0	\$99,058	\$101,793	\$105,418
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$99,058	\$101,793	\$105,418
State Mandates				
Required Activity			Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires school administrative units to annually screen certain students for dyslexia.			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 Special Services program within the Department of Education will require a General Fund appropriation of \$99,058 in fiscal year 2016-17 for the personal services and all other cost for one Education Specialist III position to serve as a dyslexia consultant within the department beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.