



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Provide Funding for Preschool Programs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$4,000,000	\$4,075,436	\$4,159,141	\$4,164,994
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$4,000,000	\$4,075,436	\$4,159,141	\$4,164,994
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$23,456	\$49,669	\$51,656

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$4.0 million per year beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education to be distributed as start-up grants for expanded access to public preschool programs for children 4 years of age.

The bill also includes a General Fund appropriation of \$75,436 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Learning Systems program within the Department to continue 2 Education Specialist II positions that currently provide administrative and technical support to the public preschool program that was implemented utilizing funds from a federal four-year \$14.8 million Preschool Expansion Grant received by the Department in January of 2015. These positions were established as limited-period positions that will end when the federal grant expires in December of 2018. This bill includes General Fund support for the 2 positions beginning in January of 2019. The General Fund cost to fully fund these positions after that is estimated to be \$159,141 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$164,994 in fiscal year 2020-21.

This bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$23,456 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Leadership Team to support a portion of the cost of one of the 2 Education Specialist II positions that is funded by a transfer from the Child Development Services program.