



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Promote Academic Achievement through Hunger Relief for Maine Children

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Breen of Cumberland

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$592,712	\$492,712	\$492,712	\$492,712
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$592,712	\$492,712	\$492,712	\$492,712

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The School Finance and Operations program within the Department of Education will require General Fund appropriations of \$592,712 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$492,712 in fiscal year 2018-19 for the costs associated with the State funding the difference between the federal reimbursements for reduced-price school lunches and free school lunches. Of that amount, \$100,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 is required on a one-time basis in order for the department to modify the existing school meal software application. The balance of \$492,712 is required for the ongoing annual cost to fund the difference between the 2 lunch programs. The department calculated this cost utilizing 2016 data in which 1,231,779 reduced lunches were served and the price difference between the reduced-price lunch and the free lunch was \$0.40.