

129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 167

LR 675(02)

An Act To Prevent Food Shaming in Maine's Public Schools

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " " Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires public schools that provide meals to students under the National School	School	Significant
Lunch Program or under a program administered by the United States Department of		statewide
Agriculture to provide such a meal to a student who requests the meal regardless of		
the student's inability to pay or failure to pay for school meals in the past.		

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education to develop the required guidance for school administrative districts related to the collection of student meal debt can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.