



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Provide a Method for a Student To Be Excused from Standardized Testing

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Contigent language avoids potential loss of Title I funding
Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 requires a standardized assessment each year of "not less than 95 percent of all students, and 95 percent of all students in each sub-group of students, who are enrolled in public schools". Because this legislation provides that a student shall be excused from standardized testing only if doing so would not result in a school administrative unit being out of compliance with the ESSA, there is no potential loss of federal Title I funds.

Additional costs to the Department of Education to submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.