



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 898

LR 171(03)

An Act To Provide for a Professional Wage and Support for New Educators

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS) to develop a plan to implement statewide collective bargaining for teachers and to submit a report, including implementing legislation, for introduction to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature. It also authorizes the State to act on behalf of school administrative units in statewide collective bargaining for teachers beginning January 1, 2021. Any costs to DAFS to implement the plan will need to be provided in the implementing legislation.

The bill also requires that the plan to implement statewide collective bargaining for teachers identify the components of a salary schedule to include a minimum base salary of \$40,000. LD 1001, the Governor's proposed 2020-2021 biennial budget, includes a General Fund appropriation of \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 to increase the minimum salary for certified teachers to \$40,000 beginning in fiscal year 2020-21.