



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2020

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An Act To Strengthen Maritime Education by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Herbig of Waldo

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Delaying the termination date of the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering from 90 days after the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature to 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature will extend the State's responsibility for funding a portion of the costs for Maine students to attend the school through the 2023-2024 school year. LD 2126, the Governor's proposed emergency supplemental budget for fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21, includes \$132,316 for the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering as part of the targeted education funding component included in the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year 2020-21. If LD 2126 is approved by the Legislature, no additional funding will be required for the 2020-2021 biennium as a result of this legislation. If funding for the school is not approved as part of the supplemental budget, this fiscal note will need to be revised. Funding to support the cost for Maine students to attend the school through the 2023-2024 school year will need to be included as part of the Department of Education's biennial budget request for the 2022-2023 and 2024-2025 biennia.