



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Create Community Schools

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Millett of Cumberland

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The General Purpose Aid for Local Schools (GPA) program will require a General Fund appropriation of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 for 5 community schools as part of a 5-year pilot project to be administered by the Department of Education. Because this proposal is not part of the Governor's proposed budget request for the 2016-2017 biennium, no funding has been provided within GPA for this specific purpose. If a General Fund appropriation for fiscal year 2016-17 is not included as part of this legislation, less state funding will be available to be distributed to local school administrative units as state subsidy.

This legislation provides that the department may employ a state community school coordinator to implement the pilot project. However, the department is uncertain as to whether or not additional staff will be needed for this purpose. If the need for additional resources becomes evident, the department will submit a budget request.