



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Ensure the Successful Implementation of Proficiency-based Diplomas by Extending the Timeline for Phasing in Their Implementation

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires each school administrative unit (SAU) to convene a stakeholder group to: 1) determine status of implementing a proficiency-based system; 2) provide an assessment of work needed to be done in order to meet established deadlines; and 3) develop and provide appropriate training for all educators in proficiency-based system. Also requires each SAU to form a steering committee to regularly review and refine the SAU's proficiency-based system to ensure that it meets requirements and is aligned with SAU's goals and priorities.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

Significant statewide

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 provide the required technical assistance to SAU's in implementing proficiency-based systems can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.