



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Computer Science Education Task Force

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$90,043	\$65,813	\$67,637
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$90,043	\$65,813	\$67,637

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$90,043 in fiscal year 2018-19 for the costs associated with implementing certain recommendations of the Computer Science Education Task Force and updating the statewide strategic plan for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Of that amount, \$26,000 in one-time funding is appropriated for the costs to 1) create a statewide plan for computer science, including the cost of consulting with experts in the computer science education field; and 2) update the strategic plan for STEM. The balance of \$64,043 is appropriated on an ongoing basis for one half-time Regional Education Representative position and associated All Other costs to serve as the computer science liaison to support the implementation of computer science education across the State and the statewide strategic plan for STEM. According to the Department of Education, there is not a person currently employed within the department with the level of knowledge needed to support the implementation of computer science education in the State.