



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Improve Information Sharing Relating to Investigations of Educators

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Ginzler of Bridgton

Committee: Not Referred

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires a school entity to notify the Department of Education when it opens an investigation into a holder of a department-issued credential, places the credential holder on administrative leave, or suspends or terminates the credential holder. Also requires a school entity to notify the department of the final outcome of the investigation and to provide all final reports on the investigation to the department.	School	Insignificant 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 make required notifications to school entities and to provide them with all final reports received by the department can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.