



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Improve Public Sector Labor Relations

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Pres. Jackson of Aroostook

Committee: Labor and Housing

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Potential current biennium cost increase - All Funds
Potential current biennium cost increase - University of Maine System
Potential current biennium cost increase - Local units of government

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Current law regarding labor relations for municipal public employees, University of Maine System employees and state employees including judicial employees provides that the determination of an arbitrator regarding salaries, pensions and insurance is advisory only. This legislation changes the law to provide that an arbitrator's determination regarding these issues is binding on all parties. This may result in increased personnel and other direct and indirect costs to the employers of these public employees if, as a result of the arbitrator's decision, salary, pension or insurance costs increase more than they would have absent this legislation. The impact cannot be determined at this time.

Additional costs to the Maine Labor Relations Board can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.