130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Study the Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities To Identify Barriers to Full Societal Integration

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Legislative Cost/Study

The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be $1,500 in fiscal year 2021-22 and $750 in fiscal year 2022-23. The Legislature's budget for the 2022-2023 biennium includes $10,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 and $10,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as $21,260 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation requires the Department of Education to provide staff assistance to the task force within its existing budgeted resources. The department has indicated that its Special Services Team will require one limited-period Education Specialist III position at a cost of $33,125 per year in both fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 to provide the required staff support. That amount assumes the position would work approximately 520 hours each year. Without the position, there may be an impact on other programs and services.

Additional costs to the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System, the Maine State Housing Authority, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Health and Human Services associated with participating on the task force can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.