



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Allow Unorganized Territory School Staff To Receive Annualized Pay

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-817)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$67,882	\$70,054
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$67,882	\$70,054
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Education in the Unorganized Territory program within the Department of Education will require ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$67,882 beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 for the increased health and dental insurance plan costs associated with allowing certain unorganized territory school staff to choose to receive annualized pay effective July 1, 2023. This estimate, provided by the Department of Education, assumes that 31 unorganized territory school employees will choose to receive their pay on an annualized basis. Currently, these employees do not receive employee benefits year-round. General Fund expenditures from this program are fully reimbursed by the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund. Therefore, there is no net general fund impact to the State as a result of this legislation.

The bill will result in a corresponding increase in the tax collected through the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Tax, which is levied on all nonexempt real and personal property located in the Unorganized Territory Tax District, beginning in fiscal year 2023-24. As stated above, this additional tax revenue will be used to reimburse the General Fund for expenditures incurred because of this bill.

Additional costs to the Education in the Unorganized Territory program associated with programming and other administrative costs to implement the requirements of this legislation cannot be determined at this time, but will also be fully reimbursed by the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund.