



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2041

LR 2726(12)

## An Act To Correct Errors in Recently Enacted Legislation

### Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

H "A" (H-1051)

S "A" (S-651)

S "A" (S-653) to H "A" (H-1051)

S "B" (S-654) to H "A" (H-1051)

S "A" (S-655) to S "A" (S-651)

Committee: Not Referred

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$20,000,000	\$54,742,260	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Transfers</b>				
General Fund	(\$20,000,000)	(\$54,542,260)	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$20,000,000	\$56,000,000	\$0	\$0

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

In accordance with the intent of LD 731 as amended off the Special Appropriations Table, this bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$200,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 to a newly created Regional Fire Service Training Fund within the Maine Community College System to provide grants to municipalities for regional fire service training.

In accordance with the intent of LD 533 as amended off the Special Appropriations Table, the bill includes a transfer of \$1,457,740 in fiscal year 2022-23 from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund within the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to offset the cost to the General Fund.

In accordance with the intent of LD 910 as amended off the Special Appropriations Table, the bill also reduces the transfer from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund within the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund from \$30,000,000 to \$10,000,000 by June 30, 2022, and from \$56,000,000 to \$0 by June 30, 2023.

This bill provides for free breakfast and lunch for those eligible students that attend a private school approved for tuition purposes that enrolls 60% or more publicly funded students that has opted to participate in the National School Lunch Program that are ineligible for a free breakfast or lunch beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. It repeals the requirement in Title 5, section 157, subsection 2 that the State Controller transfer any funds remaining in the Loan Guarantee Program Fund within the Office of the Treasurer to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund on June 30, 2022 and instead requires the State Controller to transfer the remaining funds to a newly created Meals for Publicly Funded Students at Private Academies, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Education on June 30, 2022 to support the cost of the free meals. The current balance in the Loan Guarantee Program Fund is \$500,000 and that amount will no longer be transferred to the General Fund at the end of fiscal year 2021-22. As no amount has ever been "booked" in the accounting system as a potential increase to unappropriated surplus, repeal of that transfer does not require a reduction to the General Fund now. The bill does include a one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$500,000 to the Department of Education in fiscal year 2022-23 to authorize expenditures for the program.

In accordance with the intent of LD 1995, the supplemental budget, this bill extends free tuition to eligible students through the 2023-24 academic year. The funding for this extension was already included in LD 1995 and no additional funding is required.

Providing that an entity that receives state assistance for an assisted project is subject to the enforcement and penalty provisions of Title 26, chapter 15 may result in a minor increase in General Fund revenue from the assessment of fines.