

## 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 59

LR 225(02)

An Act to Prohibit Inclusion of the COVID-19 Vaccine in the Universal Childhood Immunization Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Health and Human Services
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## Fiscal Note

Contingent revenue loss - public higher educational institutions

## **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill prohibits the University of Maine System (UMS), the Maine Community College System (MCCS) and the Maine Maritime Academy from requiring a student to receive an immunizing agent that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration under emergency use authorization or be immunized against a disease when the only available immunizing agent is one that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration solely under emergency use authorization as a condition of attendance. The UMS and the MCCS have indicated their concern that this prohibition may lead to a loss of tuition and other revenue if a contagious illness results in a refund or proration of tuition and other fees as happened during the COVID-19 pandemic. This fiscal note makes no assumption as to whether the enactment of this bill will result in such actions occurring in the future.