



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 1151(05)

An Act Requiring Water Bottle Filling Stations in New and Renovated Public Schools

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-410)
S "A" (S-465) to C "A" (H-410)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - funded in fiscal year 2024-25, unfunded after fiscal year 2024-25

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,404	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,404	\$0	\$0

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires new public schools and public schools undergoing substantial renovations to be equipped with water bottle filling stations beginning in fiscal year 2024-25.	School	\$1,560

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,404 in fiscal year 2024-25 to a newly established State Mandate Reimbursement - Water Bottle Filling Stations program within the Department of Education to reimburse school administrative units for 90% of the cost of installing water bottle filling stations when constructing a new public school building or undergoing a substantial renovation to an existing school building. This estimate assumes 2 water bottle filling stations will be installed in one newly constructed school building and one substantially renovated school building per year at a cost of \$390 per unit. No funding is provided after fiscal year 2024-25.