



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Address Student Hunger and Nutrition Through Expanded Access to Free Milk in Schools

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Tipping of Penobscot

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$285,647	\$262,500	\$262,500	\$262,500
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$285,647	\$262,500	\$262,500	\$262,500

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires a public school that participates in the National School Lunch Program to provide free milk to a student during the student's lunch regardless of whether that student receives a lunch through that program.	School	\$262,500

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

The School Finance and Operations program within the Department of Education will require an ongoing General Fund appropriation of \$262,500 beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 to reimburse school administrative units that participate in the National School Lunch Program for the costs of providing free milk to a student during the student's lunch regardless of whether that student receives a lunch through that program. This estimate assumes 10 free milks per day will be provided to students for each of the 175 school days per year at approximately 500 schools statewide. The department will also require a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$23,147 in fiscal year 2023-24 to support the staffing and system enhancement costs to upgrade the claim reimbursement system.