



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Establish the School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$220,293	\$90,341	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$564,074	\$90,341	\$0	\$0
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Transfers				
General Fund	\$343,781	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$343,781)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The provisions in this legislation result in a cost to the General Fund of \$220,293 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$90,341 in fiscal year 2024-25

This bill includes one-time General Fund appropriations totaling \$564,074 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$90,341 in fiscal year 2024-25 to a newly established School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund within the Department of Education. Of that amount, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 is for grants to eligible school administrative units to purchase school kitchen and cafeteria equipment, improve food safety in school kitchens and cafeterias, reimburse food costs related to medically necessary dietary restrictions of students and to support the maintenance and expansion of the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program within the school administrative unit. Additionally, \$64,074 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$90,341 in fiscal year 2024-25 is for one limited-period Office Specialist I position and related All Other costs to manage the grants to school administrative units. This fiscal note assumes the limited-period position begins on October 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2025. The bill also includes Federal Expenditures Fund base allocations of \$500 per year beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 to authorize the expenditure of funds in the event money is received from federal grants.

The bill also requires the State Controller to lapse \$343,781 in unencumbered balances in the Alternative Breakfast Delivery Service Program, General Fund account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.