



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment " " to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Rotundo of Androscoggin

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	(\$220,293)	(\$90,341)	\$0	\$0
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment eliminates the General Fund cost of the bill of \$220,293 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$90,341 in fiscal year 2024-25 by eliminating the General Fund appropriation of \$64,074 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$90,341 in fiscal year 2024-25 to the School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund within the Department of Education for one limited-period Office Specialist I position and related All Other costs to manage the grants to school administrative units under the program and by reducing the General Fund appropriation provided in the bill for the one-time grants in fiscal year 2023-24 from \$500,000 to \$343,781.

As amended, this bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$343,781 in fiscal year 2023-24 to a newly established School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund within the Department of Education 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. As amended, this 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 continues to require 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.