



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 57(02)

An Act to Provide Grants to Support Reading Proficiency Programming in Schools

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Transfer contingent on available funds - General Purpose Aid for Local Schools

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0
Transfers				
General Fund	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the State Controller transfer \$2,000,000 per year in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 from the unencumbered balance of the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools, General Fund carrying account within the Department of Education to the Office of Innovation program, also within the department, to be used for grants to school administrative units to support reading proficiency programming in schools. Whether sufficient funds will be available to transfer for this purpose cannot be determined at this time. The bill includes one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$2,000,000 per year in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to authorize the expenditure of the funds if available.

Additional costs to the Department of Education to establish required criteria and submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.