



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Adopt Rules Prohibiting Teachers in Public Schools from Engaging in Political, Ideological and Religious Advocacy in the Classroom**

**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Rep. Smith of Palermo**

**Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the State Board of Education to adopt major substantive rules prohibiting teachers in public schools from engaging in political, religious or ideological advocacy in the classroom or from introducing any controversial subject matter that is not germane to the topic of the course being taught. The board will incur additional ongoing costs to provide at least 3 hours of training each year to instruct teachers on the rules as well as to provide the required written notice to all teachers, parents and students of their respective rights and responsibilities under the rules. The total cost to the board associated with these requirements cannot be determined at this time.