

131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1608

LR 661(04)

An Act to Address Teacher Shortages Through Financial Assistance and Career Advancement Opportunities

> 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 | \$0 | (\$800,000) | (\$1,000,000) | (\$1,000,000) |
| Appropriations/Allocations General Fund | \$0 | (\$800,000) | (\$1,000,000) | (\$1,000,000) |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment eliminates the ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$1,000,000 per year included in the bill beginning in fiscal year 2024-25 to the Educational and General Activities program within the University of Maine System to support the Maine Teacher Residency Program at the University of Southern Maine and instead provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 for the same purpose.

As amended, the bill still requires the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to study the development of career ladders for educators and report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by December 6, 2023.