



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 51(03)

An Act to Create Greater Transparency for Facility Fees Charged by Health Care Providers and to Establish the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-335)

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$1,650 in fiscal year 2023-24. The Legislature's proposed budget for the 2024-2025 biennium includes \$14,500 in each of fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$2,234 in projected balances from fiscal year 2022-23 and \$36,777 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Maine Health Data Organization for the bill's required annual reporting are assumed to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Additional costs to the Office of Affordable Health Care and to the Department of Health and Human Services', Office of MaineCare Services to participate on the task force are assumed to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Additional costs to the departments and agencies designated to provide staff assistance to the task force are assumed to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.