

132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Increase Postsecondary Educational Opportunities for Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder

> Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill Sponsor: Rep. Murphy of Scarborough Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Unfunded grant program

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Inclusive Higher Education Grant Program to be administered by the Department of Education to support postsecondary educational opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities or autism spectrum disorder by awarding competitive grants to institutions of higher education in the State to develop an inclusive higher education plan. No funding is included in the bill for the initial start-up costs or the grant program. The Department of Education has indicated that it will require one Education Specialist III position and related All Other costs to administer the grant program if funding is provided.