

132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill Sponsor: Rep. Dodge of Belfast Committee: Labor Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

| | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | Projections FY 2027-28 | Projections FY 2028-29 |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) General Fund | \$3,321,240 | \$6,994,531 | \$7,365,241 | \$7,755,599 |
| Appropriations/Allocations General Fund | \$3,321,240 | \$6,994,531 | \$7,365,241 | \$7,755,599 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Retired Teachers' Health Insurance program within the Department of Education will require General Fund appropriations of \$3,321,240 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$6,994,531 in fiscal year 2026-27 for the costs associated with increasing the State's contribution to the retired teachers' cost of health insurance premiums from 60% to 65% in fiscal year 2025-26 and 65% to 70% beginning in fiscal year 2026-27. The estimated cost of this bill assumes an average increase in premiums of 5.3% per year. The total cost of this provision over time will depend on actual health premium cost inflation and the number of retired teachers in the future.