



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Modify the Calculation of Pupil Counts Used for Determination of School Administrative Unit Operating Costs

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Tuell of East Machias

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

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	\$0	\$7,867,072	\$7,867,072	\$7,867,072
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$7,867,072	\$7,867,072	\$7,867,072

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Changing the method of calculating the pupil count used for determining a school administrative unit's operating allocation from the average of the pupil counts for October 1st of the 2 most recent calendar years prior to the year of funding, with some exceptions, to the average of the pupil counts for October 1st of the 3 most recent calendar years prior to the year of funding or the most recent October 1st pupil count prior to the year of funding, whichever is greater, will increase the total cost of public education from kindergarten to grade 12 beginning in fiscal year 2026-27. The Department of Education estimates that increase to be \$13,712,810.

The General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program will require General Fund appropriations of \$7,867,072 per year, beginning in fiscal year 2026-27, for the state's share of that cost. The cost to local school administrative units is estimated to be \$5,845,738 per year.