



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 549**LR 53(03)**

An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Update Certain Requirements Regarding Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kits

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**Committee: Judiciary****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$372,384	\$414,156	\$452,698	\$495,230
Highway Fund	\$200,514	\$223,007	\$243,760	\$266,662
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$372,384	\$414,156	\$452,698	\$495,230
Highway Fund	\$200,514	\$223,007	\$243,760	\$266,662

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires law enforcement agencies to provide the Department of Public Safety tracking information for each municipality/county where a forensic examination kit was entered into the system and complete an inventory of all kits in its possession.	Municipality County	Moderate statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Public Safety of \$372,384 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$414,156 in fiscal year 2026-27 and Highway Fund allocations of \$200,514 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$223,007 in fiscal year 2026-27 for one Forensic Chemist II position, one Forensic Chemist I position, two DNA Forensic Analyst positions, one-time costs for a mobile Crime Lab office and related costs to establish, operate and maintain a sexual assault forensic examination kit tracking system, perform an inventory of all kits and develop an annual report on the tracking system.