

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1202****LR 1454(02)****An Act to Establish the African American Studies Advisory Council and Provide Funding to Support African American Studies****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$167,800	\$167,800	\$167,800	\$167,800
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$167,800	\$167,800	\$167,800	\$167,800
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations totaling \$165,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 to the Department of Education to support the work of the African American Studies Advisory Council including the costs for professional development as well as conducting representative statewide sampling of African American studies curricula in school administrative units.

The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$2,800 per year beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 to the Legislature for the expenses of Legislators serving on the Council. The bill also includes ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$500 per year beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 to authorize the expenditure of funds in the event monies are received from public or private sources.

Additional costs to the University of Maine System associated with representatives serving on the advisory council can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.