

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1759****LR 1410(01)****An Act to Allow Firefighters to Be Eligible for State College Funding****Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill****Sponsor: Rep. Hymes of Waldo****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	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$800,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers				
General Fund	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$800,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Public Law 2025, chapter 2, Part J transfers \$7,300,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Community College System's (MCCS's) Free Community College - Two Enrollment Years Program on or before June 30, 2026. This bill reduces that amount by \$800,000. Because the funding provided in PL 2025, chapter 2, Part J is to support the cost of students already participating in the free college program, the Maine Community College System will not be able to absorb the loss of this funding without impacting other programs and services it offers.

This bill also includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$800,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 to the Regional Fire Service Training Fund within MCCS to support the Maine Fire Service Institute.