

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

S.P. 182 - L.D. 396

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop a Grant Program  
to Encourage Secondary Schools to Adopt Later Start Times**

**Sec. 1. Later Secondary School Start Time Fund established. Resolved:** That the Later Secondary School Start Time Fund is established within the Department of Education for the purposes of administering the program under section 2.

**Sec. 2. Grant program. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall establish a grant program to encourage school administrative units to collaborate on changing school start times to allow secondary schools to have a start time at or after 8:30 a.m. The department shall award grants from the Later Secondary School Start Time Fund established in section 1. Funds must be used by a school administrative unit to develop plans to allow secondary schools to start at or after 8:30 a.m. by coordinating school start times among the unit's schools or in partnership with neighboring school administrative units.

**Sec. 3. Department of Education to adopt rules. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall adopt rules to ensure that grants administered through the grant program established pursuant to section 2 are administered in a manner that is equitable and fair.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Innovative Teaching and Learning Z394**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for a contracted position to administer the school start time grant program.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$106,078	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$106,078	\$0

**Later Secondary School Start Time Fund N522**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for grants to school administrative units to collaborate on changing school start times to allow secondary schools to have a later start time than elementary schools.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$75,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$75,000	<hr/> \$0

<b>EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$181,078</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<hr/> <b>\$181,078</b>	<hr/> <b>\$0</b>