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126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 222

LR 697(11)

An Act Regarding the Issuance of a Permit To Carry a Concealed Handgun

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-730)
H "A" (H-739) to C "A" (H-730)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$157,175	\$157,175	\$157,175
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$500,436	\$240,436	\$240,136
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$157,175)	(\$157,175)	(\$157,175)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$740,557	\$740,557	\$740,557

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill increases concealed handgun permit fees and dedicates all the revenue received. It increases Other Special Revenue Funds revenue in the Department of Public Safety by \$740,557 and reduces General Fund revenue by \$157,175 in fiscal year 2014-15. The bill also requires the State Police to perform all record checks on applicants and to create and maintain a confidential database of all concealed handgun permit holders and applicants. The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$500,436 in fiscal year 2014-15 for 2 Office Associate II positions, one State Police Detective position, one-time computer programming costs (\$260,000) and related costs.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 232

LR 1001(03)

An Act To Increase the Base for the Cost-of-living Increase for Retired State Employees and Teachers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-375)

Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund Unappropriated Surplus

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Increasing the maximum base for the calculation of the one-time noncumulative cost-of-living adjustment payable to retired state employees and teachers under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System in 2014 from \$20,000 to \$30,000 will increase the portion of the fiscal year 2013-14 year-end unappropriated surplus of the General Fund, also known as the Cascade, that is to be used to fund this provision. The Maine Public Employees Retirement System estimates the additional cost to be approximately \$2.25 million.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 297

LR 224(03)

An Act To Require Forest Rangers To Be Trained in Order To Allow Them To Carry Firearms

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-608)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$86,819	\$90,013	\$6,387
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$86,819	\$90,013	\$6,387

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$60,861 in FY 15 and will require the same in FY 16 for the costs of purchasing guns, vests and other related equipment at current state contract prices for use by Forest Rangers and certain other positions. The bill requires implementation of a training program by January 1, 2016 that requires a 64-hour course on firearms training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$7,049 in FY 15 and will require the same in FY 16 for the costs of the training course. The bill will require General Fund appropriations of \$3,194 in FY 16, growing to \$6,387 in subsequent years for ongoing training. The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$18,909 in FY 15 and will require the same in FY 16 for overtime costs associated with initial training.

It is likely that the Forest Ranger positions will be reclassified in the future due to their increased responsibilities from operating a firearm. This cost is estimated to be \$2,980 for each of the 55 Forest Ranger positions, totaling \$163,900.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 347

LR 683(03)

An Act To Amend Insurance Coverage for Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-412)
Committee: Insurance and Financial Services**

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium savings - General Fund

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$42,897	\$46,334
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$16,042	\$17,328
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$42,897	\$46,334
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$16,042	\$17,328

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Expanding required coverage for autism spectrum disorders to children 10 years of age or under from the current law requirement of 5 years of age or under is estimated to have an overall cost to the State Employee Health Insurance Program of \$101,100 in 2015-16 and \$109,200 in 2016-17 based on an assumed cost of 0.05% of total claims. Of this total, the cost to General Fund programs is estimated to be \$42,897 in 2015-16 and \$46,334 in 2016-17. The impact on Highway Fund programs is estimated to be \$16,042 in 2015-16 and \$17,328 in 2016-17. Because of the bill's effective date for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, it is not assumed to have an impact in the current biennium given the State's current July through June plan year.

Based on its experience with the implementation of the required private insurance coverage to children up to age 5 and the lack of any significant third party savings realized, the Department of Health and Human Services does not believe the savings to the MaineCare program from the expansion to children up to 10 years of age will be significant.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 725

LR 1047(03)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-383)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$180,753	\$187,983	\$195,503
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$180,753	\$187,983	\$195,503

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Judicial Department has existing General Fund Personal Services funding to support the additional cost in fiscal year 2014-15. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2015-16, the amount needed for the increase will be included in the Judicial Department's baseline budget request.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1013

LR 12(07)

An Act To Create the Wireless Information Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-618)

H "A" (H-674) to C "A" (H-618)

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note

Contingent future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the number of civil cases.

The collection of additional filing fees may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of the Attorney General may incur additional litigation costs. The cost of expert witnesses is estimated to range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. The exact amount required in any fiscal year cannot be determined at this time.

The Public Utilities Commission must monitor legislative activities and certify to the Secretary of State and the Revisor of Statutes when 4 other states adopt legislation requiring labeling of cellular telephones or cellular telephone packaging relating to radio-frequency exposure. This Act becomes effective only if 4 other states adopt this legislation before January 1, 2024. Providing a contingent effective date may delay the fiscal impact of the bill or possibly prevent implementation completely.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1120

LR 1705(03)

An Act To Improve Maine's Tax Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-749)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$4,722,199)	(\$5,056,223)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$265,301	\$216,277
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$4,987,500	\$5,272,500
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$262,500	\$277,500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The amendment requires corporations who file unitary income tax returns to include income from certain jurisdictions outside the United States in net income when apportioning income among tax jurisdictions. It would result in an increase in General Fund and Local Government Fund revenue of \$4,987,500 and \$262,500, respectively, in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$5,272,500 and \$277,500, respectively, in fiscal year 2016-17. Maine Revenue Services will require a General Fund appropriation of \$265,301 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$216,277 in fiscal year 2016-17 for one Staff Attorney position, one Tax Analyst position, computer programming charges and related costs to apply the new law.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1154

LR 919(05)

An Act To Establish the Maine Length of Service Award Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "B" (H-644)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$217,987	\$227,361	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$229,460	\$239,327	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$217,987)	(\$227,361)	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$217,987	\$227,361	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Dedicating 50% of the 5.5% sales tax revenue collected from consumer fireworks sales to the Maine Length of Service Award Program requires a General Fund transfer of \$217,987 in FY 2014-15 and \$227,361 in FY 2015-16 and a transfer from Municipal Revenue Sharing of \$11,473 in FY 2014-15 and \$11,966 in FY 2015-16. The transfers will provide \$229,460 in fiscal year 2014-15 and \$239,327 in fiscal year 2015-16 to the Maine Length of Service Award Program and the bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$229,460 in fiscal year 2014-15.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1175

LR 902(04)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefits for Capitol Police Officers

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-413)
Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$63,847	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$63,847	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$63,847 to the Retirement Allowance fund within the Maine Public Employees Retirement System in fiscal year 2014-15 for the cost associated with allowing the service retirement benefits of one Capitol Police officer earned under the regular state employee and teacher plan to be calculated under the 1998 Special Plan. The cost of this provision is estimated based on the payment being made to the MainePERS by July 30, 2014. If the payment is made at a later date, the cost will be higher.

Additional costs to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to conduct the required analysis and submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1230

LR 1022(14)

An Act To Improve Access to Oral Health Care

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "C" (H-589)

H "B" (H-658) to C "C" (H-589)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Potential future biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

While the bill requires MaineCare reimburse for dental hygiene therapist services beginning October 1, 2014, any increase in MaineCare costs would not likely occur until the following biennium. The fiscal impact on MaineCare will ultimately depend on the timing and number of dental hygiene therapists licensed in Maine, the type and volume of services provided and the extent to which these services replace existing dental services provided.

The Board of Dental Examiners, affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, will incur additional costs to implement and administer a licensure process for dental hygiene therapists. However, these costs are not expected to be incurred until future biennia as it is anticipated that it will take several years before potential candidates become qualified to apply for and receive licensure. Additional costs for the Board of Dental Examiners to contract with an education consultant, if necessary, to approve the dental hygiene therapy education program until a model curriculum is adopted, and for the rulemaking process, will be borne by the Board within its available budgeted resources. The current unobligated balance in the Board of Dental Examiner's Other Special Revenue Funds account is \$883,393.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1247

LR 1522(04)

An Act To Expand Coverage of Family Planning Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-655)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Potential current biennium savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Expanding MaineCare coverage for family planning services to individuals who have incomes less than or equal to 200% of the Federal Poverty Line (FPL) would have a cost to the State beginning after a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) is submitted and approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The expansion would result in an increase in participation estimated at between 7,400 and 13,700 individuals with a State cost estimated between \$215,000 and \$538,000 annually (assuming a 90% federal match).

This expansion of family planning coverage could potentially reduce MaineCare costs as a result of a reduction in pregnancy and other services. The potential savings in State MaineCare costs have been estimated at between \$1.9 to \$3.3 million annually but would not likely be realized until the 2016-2017 biennium.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1367

LR 1550(03)

An Act To Decrease Costs and Disability Due to Mental Illness in Children, Adolescents and Young Adults

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-717)
Committee: Insurance and Financial Services**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$82,300	\$88,884
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$30,780	\$33,243
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$82,300	\$88,884
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$30,780	\$33,243

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Expanding required coverage for behavioral health services for eligible persons up to age 26 is estimated to have an overall cost to the State Employee Health Insurance Program of \$210,00 in 2015-16 based on an assumed cost of 0.1% of total claims. Of this total, the cost to General Fund programs is estimated to be \$82,300 in 2015-16 and \$88,884 in 2016-17. The impact on Highway Fund programs is estimated to be \$30,780 in 2015-16 and \$33,243 in 2016-17. Because of the effective date for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, it is not assumed to have an impact in the current biennium given the State's current July through June plan year.

The fiscal impact of the bill on the Department of Health and Human Services' MaineCare program cannot be determined at this time. The department believes the age groups specified in the bill are already being covered for these services under existing MaineCare polices. Any potential savings to MaineCare from shifting costs to private insurers cannot be determined at this time.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1421

LR 2004(03)

An Act To Permit a Student Holding a Degree from a Non-Maine Institution To Participate in the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-596)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$90,250	\$137,750
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$90,250)	(\$137,750)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	(\$4,750)	(\$7,250)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides that students eligible for the expansion of the tax credit for educational opportunity are those that are pursuing or have pursued a course of study available only at a public institution outside the state as part of the New England regional student program offered by the New England Board of Higher Education. This provision would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$90,250 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$137,750 in fiscal year 2016-17 and a loss of municipal revenue sharing of \$4,750 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$7,250 in fiscal year 2016-17.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1463

LR 25(03)

Resolve, To Develop a Process for Tax Expenditure Review

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-800)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability will require the extension of a limited-period position at a cost of \$69,254 and an additional \$40,000 for outside consulting services to develop the process for the review of tax expenditures specified in this Resolve. The office has sufficient balances carried forward to fund the additional General Fund costs for the extension of the limited-period position and additional consulting services subject to approval by the Legislative Council. If the use of available balance forward is not approved by the Legislative Council, then a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$109,254 in fiscal year 2014-15 will be required.

Additional costs to the Departments of Economic and Community Development and Administrative and Financial Services associated with providing information and assistance can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1565

LR 2174(03)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Report on the Use of Funds Appropriated To Support the Code Enforcement Officer Training and Certification Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-641)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$30,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 to the Community Development Block Grant program within the Department of Economic and Community Development to support the code enforcement officer training and certification program.

Additional costs to the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1600

LR 2402(04)

An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Coverage for Human Leukocyte Antigen Testing To Establish Bone Marrow Donor Transplantation Suitability

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-755)

Committee: Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the State Employee Health Insurance Program are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires States to defray the cost of mandated benefits not included in the ACA's Essential Health Benefits. The Bureau of Insurance's report on LD 1600 to the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services estimated the cost of increased coverage due to LD 1600 to be approximately \$48,000 per year. The specifics of this required State payment under the ACA to defray the costs of this mandate (i.e., how much, what program(s) and when) cannot be determined at this time.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1601

LR 2322(03)

An Act To Increase the Amount of Funds Available to Counties for Witness Fees, Extradition Expenses and Prosecution Costs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-648)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

Potential loss of unbudgeted revenue - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The General Fund revenue loss associated with increasing the amount of forfeited bail revenue a District Attorney is allowed to retain varies each fiscal year and cannot be estimated at this time. The maximum General Fund revenue loss in any fiscal year is \$80,000. This revenue is not budgeted revenue and therefore its potential loss would not be booked.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1612

LR 2546(03)

An Act To Amend the Veterans' Services Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-694)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
Transfers				
General Fund	\$0	(\$15,000)	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Legislature for the design and construction of a plaque to honor veterans of the State. The funding comes from a transfer from the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Veterans Services General Fund account to the Legislature, State House Capitol Park Commission Other Special Revenue Funds account.

Additional costs to the University of Maine System, Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy associated with granting a tuition waiver can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Additional costs to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and Treasurer of State associated with serving on the Board can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1617

LR 2605(03)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Process for Funding Virtual Public Charter Schools and Full-time, Online Learning Programs in the State

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-796)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$90,000	\$79,746	\$83,583
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$90,000	\$79,746	\$83,583

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriations of \$90,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education for one Management Analyst II position and related all other costs to implement and administer the funding methodology required in this legislation for students enrolled in a virtual public charter school or an online learning program established by a school administrative unit.

The impact that the funding methodology provided in this legislation will have on the amount of funding a school administrative unit in which a student resides will be required to pay to support the costs of that student enrolling in a virtual public charter school, and whether or not that funding amount will be higher or lower than what is currently required, can not be determined at this time.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1626

LR 2468(08)

An Act To Fund Invasive Species Prevention and Control

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-692)
H "C" (H-750) to C "A" (H-692)
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Fiscal Note

Transfer from Inland Fisheries & Wildlife General Fund Carrying Account

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$46,000	\$225,400	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$46,000	\$225,400	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill increases the percentage of fees credited to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund from watercraft operation on inland waters and lake and river protection stickers from 60% to 80%, an ongoing increase of an estimated \$225,400 annually. It reduces the percentage of fees credited to the Lake and River Protection Fund from 40% to 20%, an ongoing decrease of \$225,400 annually. This bill transfers \$46,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$225,400 in fiscal year 2014-15 from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Account to the Lake and River Protection Fund to compensate for the revenue percentage decrease in those two years only. The Department of Environmental Protection is directed to use at least 20% of the money in the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund for eradication activities. The bill eliminates the January 1, 2015 start date for this Act and it now takes effect immediately.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1641

LR 2289(03)

An Act To Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws as They Pertain to Employee Representation

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-433)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - All Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation expands the definition of "duress" under the Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 that determines under what circumstances certain statements made by an injured employee may not be admitted into evidence in workers' compensation proceedings to include the injured employee's answers to questions from an employer or an employer representative when the injured employee has been denied a request to have a representative of the employee's choice present.

The Office of Workers' Compensation within the Bureau of Human Resources, Department of Administrative and Financial Services, indicates that this legislation may result in additional costs to the State's Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program if the provision in this legislation results in situations where, in order to comply with the injured employee's request, the process of coordinating schedules results in a delay in the injured employee receiving medical treatment resulting in an increase in the amount of time that the injured employee remains out of work.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1661

LR 2668(04)

An Act To Clarify the Provisions of a Historic Preservation Tax Credit

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-493)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,425,000
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,425,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$75,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill allows for a historic preservation tax credit of \$5,000,000 for each certified rehabilitation project or for each building within the structure, whichever is greater. It also provides that a certified rehabilitation project that is placed in service over multiple taxable years is allowed up to \$5,000,000 in credit for the portion of the certified rehabilitation project placed in service each taxable year. These provisions would result in a reduction in General Fund and Local Government Fund revenue of \$1,425,000 and \$75,000, respectively, in fiscal year 2016-17. The bill has the potential to substantially increase the credit allowed in future years because of the development time needed to put projects into service.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1664

LR 2617(03)

An Act To Encourage Charitable Contributions to Nonprofit Organizations

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-492)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,343,300	\$4,324,400	\$8,222,250
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$1,343,300)	(\$4,324,400)	(\$8,222,250)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$70,700)	(\$227,600)	(\$432,750)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides that charitable contributions included in federal itemized deductions that exceed the limitation on Maine itemized deductions may be claimed on a Maine return up to the cap specified in the bill. This provision would reduce General Fund and Local Government Fund revenues by \$1,343,300 and \$70,700, respectively, in fiscal year 2014-15.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1673

LR 2584(03)

An Act To Further Delegate Permit-granting Authority to the Bureau of Forestry

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-428)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,700	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,700	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Bureau of Forestry within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to issue all permits under the Natural Resources Protection Act for timber harvesting in all areas of the State. This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$3,700 in fiscal year 2014-15 for printing, advertising, reporter and room rental costs to conduct public hearings for rule changes to implement this new permitting process.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1679

LR 2674(03)

An Act To Appropriate Funds for the Ongoing Operation of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-617)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$250,000 to the Department of Public Safety beginning in fiscal year 2014-15 to maintain the operations of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1682

LR 2612(03)

An Act To Preserve Head Start and Child Care Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-624)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides an appropriation of \$2,000,000 in 2014-15 to the Head Start program in the Department of Health and Human Services to restore the reduction to Head Start program funds made in fiscal year 2012-13 and to allow the State to maximize child care development fund block grants to provide child care vouchers.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1683

LR 2389(03)

Resolve, To Improve Degree and Career Attainment for Former Foster Children

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-753)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$149,827	\$302,898	\$305,857
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$149,827	\$302,898	\$305,857

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides appropriations totaling \$149,827 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program in the Department of Health and Human Services. Included in this total is \$100,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 for six months of a transitional grant program for individuals exiting the State's foster care system at age 21 years old and actively pursuing post-secondary education. This assumes an annual grant cost of \$5,000 per child and the resolve's limit of 40 grants awarded but an effective start date on January 1, 2015. Also included in the total is an appropriation of \$49,827 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the department to contract for a post-secondary education navigator and for related administrative costs.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1697

LR 2531(03)

An Act To Provide Funding for the Veterans Treatment Courts

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-649)
Committee: Judiciary**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$42,045	\$43,307	\$44,607
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$42,045	\$43,307	\$44,607

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$42,045 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Department of the Attorney General to establish one part-time Assistant District Attorney position for participation in the Veterans Treatment Court.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1699

LR 2495(03)

An Act To Fund the Maine HIV Prevention Education Program within the Department of Education

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-613)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$150,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Maine HIV Prevention Education Program within the Department of Education for HIV prevention training and education.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1710

LR 2499(05)

An Act To Retain Call Centers in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-420)

S "A" (S-501)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue increase - General Fund
Potential current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$35,133	\$36,138	\$37,184
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$35,133	\$36,138	\$37,184

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation totaling \$35,133 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Department of Labor to implement the requirements of this legislation. Of this amount, a General Fund appropriation of \$25,133 to the Bureau of Labor Standards will be required for a portion of the personal services cost for one Labor and Safety Inspector position associated with enforcing the notification requirements and collecting the fines assessed. Additionally, a General Fund appropriation of \$10,000 to the Workforce Research program will be required for the maintenance of a database of employers who have relocated a call center, or a facility or operating unit handling at least 30% of call volume within a call center, from the State to a foreign country.

Requiring those employers that have received state grants, state guaranteed loans or tax benefits and have relocated a call center, or one or more facilities or operating units within a call center handling at least 30% of the call center's total call volume, from the State to a foreign country to remit the unamortized value of the state grant, state guaranteed loan or tax benefit may result in increased General Fund or Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the State beginning in fiscal year 2014-15. Assessing a fine of \$350 for each day that an employer fails to notify the State of its intention to relocate a call center may also increase General Fund revenues beginning in fiscal year 2014-15. The amount of additional revenue to be received will depend on the number of fines assessed and the value of the grants, loans or tax benefits remitted.

The Department of Administrative and Financial Services anticipates additional costs associated with this bill. These are not anticipated to be significant.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1720

LR 2683(03)

An Act To Improve the Operations of the Office of the Attorney General

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-707)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$107,000	\$134,000	\$134,000	\$134,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$107,000	\$134,000	\$134,000	\$134,000
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$43,530	\$44,792	\$46,092

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$107,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$134,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner within the Department of the Attorney General. It also includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$43,530 in fiscal year 2014-15 to establish a part-time Assistant District Attorney General position for domestic violence prosecutions.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1722

LR 2346(03)

An Act To Exempt from Sales and Use Tax Sales of Publications To Be Distributed without Charge and Printed Materials Included in Publications

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-609)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,234,335	\$1,797,609	\$1,689,753	\$1,747,204
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$1,234,335)	(\$1,797,609)	(\$1,689,753)	(\$1,747,204)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$64,965)	(\$94,611)	(\$88,934)	(\$91,958)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides a sales tax exemption for printed free publications and printed materials purchased for inclusion in publications and would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$1,234,335 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$1,797,609 in fiscal year 2014-15 and a loss of municipal revenue sharing of \$64,965 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$94,611 in fiscal year 2014-15.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1729

LR 2529(03)

An Act To Increase the Period of Time for the Calculation of a Prior Conviction for Operating under the Influence

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-729)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class B and Class C crimes; increases correctional, indigent legal and judicial costs. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill is expected to increase Class B and Class C crimes by an undetermined amount each year. The average daily cost in a regional jail is \$119.96 and the average daily cost in a State prison is \$110.76. It will also increase costs to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services by converting some first offense cases into felony cases. The incremental cost increases average \$300 per case. The total amount of General Fund appropriations required cannot be estimated at this time.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1732

LR 2448(03)

Resolve, Directing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Convey the Chesuncook Community Church Building in Chesuncook Township to the Greenville Union Evangelical Church

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-660)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

Potential loss of unbudgeted revenue - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to transfer the Chesuncook Community Church building in Chesuncook Township to the Greenville Union Evangelical Church without compensation. Maine Revenue Services under the Department of Administrative & Financial Services assessed the tax value of the church building at \$65,090 in 2012. The Division of Parks and Public Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has indicated that if this building continues to be owned by the State it could cost as much as \$50,000 for needed maintenance.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1734

LR 2719(03)

An Act To Create a Cold Case Homicide Unit in the Department of the Attorney General

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-708)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$332,020	\$279,441	\$286,970
Highway Fund	\$0	\$178,779	\$150,467	\$154,521
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$332,020	\$279,441	\$286,970
Highway Fund	\$0	\$178,779	\$150,467	\$154,521

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$332,020 and a Highway Fund allocation of \$178,779 in fiscal year 2014-15 for two State Police Detective positions, one Forensic Chemist position and related costs to establish a cold case unit. The Department of the Attorney General did not identify a need for additional resources at this time.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1744

LR 2438(06)

An Act To Protect Maine Lakes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-781)

H "A" (H-797) to C "A" (H-781)

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection to monitor lakes, do data management and collection, create educational materials and work on creating partnerships with certain entities to promote lake health and educate the public on risks to lakes. This bill also bans certain fertilizer within 25 feet of the normal high-water line of a great pond. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$70,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 to support the Maine Lakes Society, to manage and analyze certain data and for development and implementation of water pollution control, water quality protection and other environmental training programs.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1745

LR 2459(03)

An Act To Preserve Maine's Long-term Care Facilities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-690)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,079,875	\$1,079,875	\$1,079,875
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,079,875	\$1,079,875	\$1,079,875
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$1,261,549	\$1,261,549	\$1,261,549

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill provides appropriations totaling \$1,079,875 in 2014-15 for the State's share of the costs of providing a 2% cost-of-living rate increase for MaineCare Appendix C private non-medical institutions (PNMI's).



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1746

LR 2238(03)

An Act To Facilitate Informed Planning for Higher Education and Careers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-743)

Committee: Maine's Workforce and Economic Future

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500

Legislative Cost/Study

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$2,500 to the Legislature for the on-going annual per diem and expenses of Legislators and for other miscellaneous costs associated with the State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force beginning in fiscal year 2014-15. The additional costs associated with providing staff assistance to the task force during the interim between legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System, Maine Maritime Academy and the Finance Authority of Maine associated with serving on the task force can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Additional costs to the Department of Education and the Department of Labor associated with serving on the task force and providing assistance and information to the task force can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1751

LR 2258(03)

An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine Residents

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-785)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$326,600)	(\$123,876)	\$211,896
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$124,650	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$451,250	\$123,876	(\$211,896)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$23,750	\$6,520	(\$11,152)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill makes various changes to the property tax fairness credit and would result in an increase in General Fund and Local Government Fund revenue of \$451,250 and 23,750, respectively, in fiscal year 2014-15. The bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services of \$124,650 in fiscal year 2014-15 for administrative costs associated with these changes.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1765

LR 2743(05)

An Act To Establish the Criminal Law Revision Commission

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-426)

H "A" (H-741) to C "A" (S-426)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$158,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$158,500	\$3,500	\$3,500

Legislative Cost/Study

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$158,500 in fiscal year 2014-15, which includes one-time funding of \$155,000 and on-going funding of \$3,500 for contracted staff and the per diem and expenses of the Legislators serving on the Legislature for the Criminal Law Revision Commission.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs to the Judicial Department and the Department of the Attorney General are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1769

LR 2735(03)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Report Defining Cost Responsibility for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Students Receiving Services from the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-479)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Governor Baxter School for the Deaf (MECDHH/GBSD) estimates that the requirements in this legislation will increase costs to the school by approximately \$360,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2015-16. State funding for the MECDHH/GBSD is included in the annual General Fund appropriation for the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education as part of the miscellaneous costs and adjustments. The department has indicated that it will include funding for the additional costs associated with this legislation in its budget beginning in fiscal year 2015-16. Unless additional General Fund support is provided to the miscellaneous costs and adjustments category beginning in fiscal year 2015-16, other line items within that category may need to be reduced in order to support the increased funding to the MECDHH/GBSD.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1772

LR 2797(08)

Resolve, Regarding Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-769)

H "A" (H-776) to C "A" (H-769)

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds
Current biennium revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds
Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to repeal its existing mineral mining rules and adopt prior metallic mineral mining rules at an expected cost of \$7,500. This bill requires, by February 1, 2016, that DEP provisionally adopt and submit rules to the Legislature related to the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act. The cost to DEP to do this may vary depending on the amount of public participation, board meetings and certain other factors, although DEP incurred a cost of \$175,000 to provisionally adopt and submit similar rules in 2013. This bill eliminates potential revenue to the Metallic Mining Fund within DEP from a processing fee of \$500,000 and an annual license fee of between \$20,000 and \$50,000 by repealing the existing mineral mining rules. All costs to DEP will be funded by the Metallic Mining Fund within DEP. The fund has sufficient resources to absorb these costs from transfers made to it from Public Law 2011, Chapter 653. The bill requires the Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to adopt and submit rules to the Legislature on certification of metallic mineral mining permit applications. The LUPC will require a General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2015-16 of \$2,335 for costs related to rulemaking.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1789

LR 2778(03)

An Act To Modernize and Improve the Efficiency of Maine's Courts

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-765)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$1,390,209	\$1,797,311
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$1,390,209	\$1,797,311

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional debt service cost to the Judicial Department is estimated to be \$1,390,209 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$1,797,311 in fiscal year 2016-17.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1794

LR 2794(03)

An Act To Cancel the No-bid Alexander Group Contract To Produce Savings in Fiscal Year 2013-14

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-684)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$264,396)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$264,396)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Expenditures Fund	(\$89,100)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$144,033)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Block Grant Fund	(\$49,270)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill deappropriates \$264,396 and deallocates \$282,403 in fiscal year 2013-14 for the contract between the Department of Health and Human Services and the Alexander Group, Inc. encumbered on September 30, 2013. The reduced funding reflects the balance of unexpended funds as of 3/5/2013.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1795

LR 2809(03)

An Act To Remove Medical and Dental Expenses from the Itemized Deduction Cap

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-767)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$1,913,680)	(\$4,286,030)	(\$13,101,643)
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$2,600,000	\$5,100,000	\$1,600,000
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,913,680	\$4,286,030	\$13,101,643
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$2,700,720	\$5,334,002	\$2,289,560

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill removes medical and dental expenses from the cap on itemized deductions and would result in a reduction in General Fund and Local Government Fund revenues of \$5,097,320 and \$268,280 in fiscal year 2014-15, respectively .

The bill also includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Bureau of Revenue Services of \$2,600,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 for contingent-fee payments for contracted tax collection services. Expanded collection efforts are projected to increase gross tax collections by 9,980,000 in fiscal year 2014-15, with \$7,011,000 going to the General Fund, \$369,000 going to the Local Government Fund and \$2,600,000 going to fund the allocation for contractor payments.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1797

LR 2756(03)

An Act Expanding Access to Early Postsecondary Education

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-783)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue decrease - Higher Educational Institutions

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$600,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2014-15 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education to support the cost for all eligible secondary students to take postsecondary classes if they choose to do so.

Legislation enacted during the 1st Regular Session of the 126th Legislature both expanded the number of students eligible to take postsecondary classes and the number of credit hours that each eligible student may receive state tuition subsidy for. Public Law 2013, c. 368, the 2014-2015 biennial budget, provides General Fund support to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program of \$400,000 per year for fiscal year 2013-14 and fiscal year 2014-15 for eligible secondary students to take postsecondary classes. This funding is the same amount of funding that has been provided in previous fiscal years. No additional General Fund appropriations were provided to support either the increase in the number of students eligible to take postsecondary classes or the increase in the number of credit hours the student may take.

This bill further expands the number of eligible students to include all students enrolled in a private school approved to receive public funds and secondary school students enrolled in an adult education program. The Department of Education indicates that the current \$400,000 per year level of funding is limiting participation in the program and estimates that an additional \$600,000 per year of General Fund support is needed in order to ensure that sufficient funding is available to support the anticipated increase in demand.

Expanding the number of secondary students that are eligible to take postsecondary classes under certain conditions will increase the amount of tuition revenue that must be waived by the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy. The impact will depend on the actual increase in the number of eligible secondary students that take postsecondary classes per academic year.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1811

LR 2762(05)

An Act To Appropriate and Allocate Funds To Strengthen the State's Efforts To Investigate, Prosecute and Punish Persons Committing Drug Crimes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-498)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$2,483,350	\$2,470,515	\$2,493,602
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$2,483,350	\$2,470,515	\$2,493,602

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$2,483,350 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Judicial Department, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of the Attorney General and the Department of Health and Human Services. \$618,816 is appropriated for 2 Judge positions and related staff. \$920,812 is appropriated to the Department of Public Safety in fiscal year 2014-15 for drug enforcement activities. \$173,472 is appropriated to the Department of the Attorney General for drug crime prosecuting costs. \$750,000 is appropriated for substance abuse treatment. Additional funds will also be required by the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services beginning in fiscal year 2014-15. Another significant cost of this bill is the cost of incarceration. It is possible the number of sentences imposed will require additional staffing. The exact amount required by fiscal year cannot be estimated at this time.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1832

LR 2818(03)

An Act To Increase Employment Opportunities for Veterans

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-477)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$25,133	\$26,138	\$27,184
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$25,133	\$26,138	\$27,184

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$25,133 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor for a portion of the personal services cost for one Labor and Safety Inspector position associated with providing oversight and enforcement of the veteran preference employment policy.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1839

LR 2808(03)

An Act To Increase the Deduction for Pension Income

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-801)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,692,650	\$12,429,800	\$17,578,800
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$3,692,650)	(\$12,429,800)	(\$17,578,800)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$194,350)	(\$654,200)	(\$925,200)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill increases the maximum Maine individual income tax pension deduction amount from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in 2015 and 2016, to \$20,000 in 2017 and 2018 and to \$30,000 beginning in 2021. This increase would result in a loss of General Fund and Local Government Fund revenue of \$3,692,650 and \$194,350, respectively, in fiscal year 2014-15. In 2021, when the deduction reaches \$30,000, it is estimated that General Fund revenue would be reduced by approximately \$60,000,000.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1840

LR 2852(02)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Substance Abuse Services Commission with Regard to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

No Amendments

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$16,150	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$16,150	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$16,150 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Department of Health and Human Services for computer programming costs related to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program.

Additional costs to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to provide the required information can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1850

LR 2782(05)

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Strengthen the Adequacy and Equity of Certain Cost Components of the School Funding Formula

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
S "B" (S-504)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0

Legislative Cost/Study

The general operating expenses of this study commission are projected to be \$1,500 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$3,000 in fiscal year 2014-15. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$10,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 for legislative studies. Whether the amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing drafting assistance to the study commission can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education for the costs associated with contracting with a staffing agency to provide assistance to the commission.

Current law requires the Department of Education to contract with a statewide education research institute for the 1) updating of the essential programs and services components (Title 20-A, §15689-A, sub-§3) and 2) the compilation and analysis of education data (Title 20-A, §15689-A, sub-§6). For fiscal year 2014-15, \$250,000 is currently budgeted within the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools General Fund program account for each of these contracts, for a total of \$500,000. This legislation requires that, for fiscal year 2014-15 only, the Department of Education not contract with a statewide education research institute for the purposes established in current law, but instead allows these funds to be utilized to support the work of the Commission.

Pursuant to Public Law 2013, Chapter 368, Part F, the Governor's Office of Policy and Management identified potential savings for fiscal year 2014-15 and submitted its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on October 2, 2013. The report included a recommendation to eliminate the \$500,000 in funding for both of the contracts listed in the paragraph above. Part F authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs to submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature. Whether this recommendation will be included in legislation that may be reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs can not be determined at this time. If the recommendation is included and the legislation is approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, this funding will not be available to support the work of the Commission. Unless an alternative funding source is identified or a General Fund appropriation is provided, the Commission may not be able to complete all of the requirements of this legislation.