



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Extend the School Year

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$6,242,360	\$12,699,456	\$16,147,359
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$6,242,360	\$12,699,456	\$16,147,359

#### State Mandates

##### Required Activity

Increases the number of days in the school year from 180 days to 185 days by extending the school year by one day per year over the five year period between the 2012-13 school year and the 2016-17 school year.

##### Unit Affected

School

##### Local Cost

Significant statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Extending the school year from 180 days to 185 days by increasing the number of days by 1 day per year over the 5 year period between the 2012-13 school year and the 2016-17 school year is estimated to increase the total state and local cost of K-12 public education by \$11,349,745 in fiscal year 2012-13, \$23,089,920 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$29,358,834 in fiscal year 2014-15. The General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$6,242,360 in fiscal year 2012-13, \$12,699,456 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$16,147,359 in fiscal year 2014-15 to fund the State's required 55% share. These amounts are reflected in the suggested appropriations above.

In order to fully fund 90% of the additional cost of increasing the number of days in a school year by 5 days, the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$10,214,770 in fiscal year 2012-13, \$20,780,928 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$26,422,950 in fiscal year 2014-15. These amounts are not reflected in the suggested appropriations above as the option exists to add the exempting mandate preamble.

	Fiscal Year 2012-13	Fiscal Year 2013-14	Fiscal Year 2014-15
State and Local expenditures <sup>1</sup>	\$ 2,042,954,033	\$ 2,078,092,842	\$ 2,113,836,039
Current number of school days	180	180	180
Estimated expenditures per instructional day	\$ 11,349,745	\$ 11,544,960	\$ 11,743,534
Estimated expenditures per teacher in-service day (50.84%)	\$ 5,769,923	\$ 5,772,480	\$ 5,871,767
Proposed increase in number of instructional days	1	2	2
Proposed increase in number of teacher in-service days	0	0	1
Increase to total cost of K-12 Education (instructional days)	\$ 11,349,745	\$ 23,089,920	\$ 23,487,067
Increase to total cost of K-12 Education (in-service days)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,871,767
Transition %	100%	100%	100%
Total cost adjusted for transition %	\$ 11,349,745	\$ 23,089,920	\$ 29,358,834
State share (%)	55%	55%	55%
State share (\$)	\$ 6,242,360	\$ 12,699,456	\$ 16,147,359
Local share (\$)	\$ 5,107,385	\$ 10,390,464	\$ 13,211,475
Total General Fund cost to fund 90% of requirement	\$ 10,214,770	\$ 20,780,928	\$ 26,422,951
Additional GF appropriation required	\$ 3,972,411	\$ 8,081,472	\$ 10,275,592
Local share @ 10%	\$ 1,134,974	\$ 2,308,992	\$ 2,935,883

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Based on fiscal year 2009-10 actual expenditures, excluding debt service, increased by Real Personal Income growth of 1.72% per year per Title 20-A, §15671.