



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$69,545	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$69,545	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires school administrative units to provide age-appropriate traffic safety education to students in at least 4 different grade levels from kindergarten to grade 8 each year.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

\$69,545

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$69,545 in fiscal year 2019-20 to the Traffic Safety Education - Mandate program within the Department of Education for 90% of the cost to school administrative units to implement and annually provide age-appropriate traffic safety education to students in at least 4 different grade levels between kindergarten and grade 8. This bill also establishes base allocations of \$500 per year beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 to the Traffic Safety Education program, Other Special Revenue Funds account and to the Traffic Safety Education program - Federal Expenditures Fund account in the event that funding is received.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This fiscal note makes the following assumptions:

- 1) Each school will develop age-appropriate curriculum for traffic education safety for students in a grade lower than grade 4

2) One-half schools will obtain age-appropriate curriculum for 3 grade levels between grade 4 and grade 8 that meets the requirements of this legislation at no cost and will devote one hour acclimating themselves to the curriculum. The remaining schools will have a presenter come into the school to present the traffic and safety education program at no cost to the school.

3) Traffic safety education will be taught at the same grade level each school year using the same curriculum and lesson plan developed in the initial year.

Additional costs to the Department of Education to coordinate the distribution of the funds received for this program to school administrative units can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.