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Date: 6/6/17 Minority L.D. 1416  
(Filing No. H-444)

**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
128TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 974, L.D. 1416, Bill, "An Act To Amend High School Diploma Standards"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraphs B, C and D (page 1, lines 8 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

- 'B. Social studies and history, including American history, government, and civics ~~and personal finance—2, 3~~ years;
- C. Mathematics—~~2, 3~~ years;
- D. Science, including at least one year of laboratory study—~~2, 3~~ years; ~~and~~'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for 90% of the cost to school administrative units to increase the secondary school requirements for mathematics, social studies and science by one year, to require documentation of participation in physical education activities that occur outside of the classroom structure and to add career studies and life skills as courses that must be provided to all secondary school students in order to receive a high school diploma.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$28,787,536	\$29,248,138
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$28,787,536	\$29,248,138

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment changes the bill's proposed number of years that courses must be provided from 4 years to 3 years for the subjects of social studies and history, mathematics and science, which are required to receive a high school diploma. The amendment also provides ongoing funding to school administrative units for 90% of the cost of increasing secondary school requirements for mathematics, social studies and science by one year.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1416

LR 1881(02)

## An Act To Amend High School Diploma Standards

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

*A (H-444)*

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$28,787,536	\$29,248,138	\$29,716,107	\$30,191,564
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$28,787,536	\$29,248,138	\$29,716,107	\$30,191,564

#### State Mandates

**Required Activity**

Adds physical education, career studies and life skills as courses that must be provided to all secondary students as a requirement for a high school diploma. Also adds one additional year of study in the required subjects of mathematics, science and social studies that secondary schools must provide in order for students to receive a high school diploma.

**Unit Affected**

School

**Local Cost**

\$28,787,536

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$28,787,536 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$29,248,138 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education to fund 90% of the cost to school administrative units to increase the secondary school requirements for mathematics, social studies and science by one year, to require documentation of participation in physical education activities that occur outside of the classroom structure and to add career studies and life skills as courses that must be provided to all secondary school students in order to receive a high school diploma.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Education has indicated that it will incur costs to implement the requirements of this legislation, including training, standards and statutory review, the amount of which can not be estimated at this time.