

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## REPORT A

### EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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#### STATE OF MAINE

#### SENATE

#### 132ND LEGISLATURE

#### FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 182, L.D. 396, "An Act to Provide for a Later Starting Time for High Schools"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop a Grant Program to Encourage School Start Time Coordination'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. School Start Time Fund established. Resolved:** That the 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 later start time than elementary schools. The department shall award grants from the School Start Time Fund established in section 1. Funds must be used by a school administrative unit to develop plans to coordinate staggered school start times among the unit's schools or in partnership with neighboring school administrative units.

**Sec. 3. 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	\$100,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$0

# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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**Innovative Teaching and Learning Z394**

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	\$106,078	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$106,078</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$206,078</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$206,078</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment establishes the School Start Time Fund within the Department of Education and directs the department to develop a grant program to award funds to school administrative units to coordinate changing school start times to allow secondary schools to have a later start time than elementary schools. Funds awarded through the grant program must be used by a school administrative unit to develop plans to coordinate staggered start times either among the unit's own schools or in partnership with neighboring school administrative units.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 396****LR 1182(02)****An Act to Provide for a Later Starting Time for High Schools**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"(S-217)**  
**Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$206,078	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$206,078	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$206,078 in fiscal year 2025-26 to the Department of Education to implement and administer the school start time grant program. Of that amount, \$100,000 is appropriated for grants to local school administrative units to collaborate on changing school start times such that secondary schools have a later start time than elementary schools and \$106,078 is appropriated for one contracted position to implement and administer the grant program.