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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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 everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4801, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

2-B. Start time. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, a school administrative unit shall ensure that a secondary school in the unit does not start a school day earlier than one hour after an elementary school in the same school administrative unit starts a school day.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, a school administrative unit is required to ensure that a secondary school in the unit does not start a school day earlier than one hour after an elementary school in the same school administrative unit starts a school day.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 396

LR 1182(03)

An Act to Provide for a Later Starting Time for High Schools

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (5-218)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires school administrative units to ensure that a secondary school in the unit does not start a school day earlier than one hour after an elementary school in the same school administrative unit starts a school day.	School	Moderate statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.