

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Minority

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
125TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 391, L.D. 498, Bill, "An Act To Extend the Length of the School Day"

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

**'Resolve, To Direct the State Board of Education To Extend the Length of the School Day'**

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

**'Sec. 1. State Board of Education rulemaking. Resolved:** That the State Board of Education shall amend its rules in Chapter 125, Section 6, subsection 6.02, paragraph B to increase the length of the average instructional day to 5 hours and 45 minutes by January 1, 2012; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

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

Initiative: Provides funding for the State's share of the total cost of increasing the number of hours in a school day to 5 hours and 45 minutes.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
All Other	\$0	\$168,543,708
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$168,543,708

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and directs the State Board of Education to amend its rules in Chapter 125, Section 6, subsection 6.02, paragraph B to increase the length of the average instructional day from 5 hours to 5 hours and 45 minutes by January 1, 2012. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 498

LR 1148(02)

## An Act To Extend the Length of the School Day

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

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	\$168,543,708	\$171,442,659	\$174,391,473
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$168,543,708	\$171,442,659	\$174,391,473

#### State Mandates

**Required Activity**

Requires that a school instructional day must be at least 5 hours and 45 minutes.

**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 day to 5 hours and 45 minutes is estimated to increase the total state and local cost of K-12 public education by \$306,443,105 in fiscal year 2012-13, \$311,713,926 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$317,075,406 in fiscal year 2014-15. The General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education will receive additional General Fund appropriations of \$168,543,708, \$171,442,659 and \$174,391,473 in fiscal years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, respectively, to fund the State's required 55% share. These amounts are reflected in the appropriations above.

In order to fully fund 90% of additional cost of extending the school day to 5 hours and 45 minutes, the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$107,255,087 in fiscal year 2012-13, \$109,099,874 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$110,976,392 in fiscal year 2014-15. These amounts are not reflected in the appropriations above but would be needed to fund the mandate.

	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 school day	\$ 11,349,745	\$ 11,544,960	\$ 11,743,534
Estimated # of hours in a current school day	5	5	5
Estimated expenditures per hour in current school day	2,269,949	2,308,992	2,348,707
Proposed increase in school day (45 minutes)	0.75	0.75	0.75
Number of days per week	5	5	5
Number of weeks per year	36	36	
Increase to total cost of K-12 Education:	\$ 306,443,105	\$ 311,713,926	\$ 317,075,406
Transition %	100%	100%	100%
Total cost adjusted for transition %	\$ 306,443,105	\$ 311,713,926	\$ 317,075,406
State share (%)	55%	55%	55%
State share (\$)	\$ 168,543,708	\$ 171,442,659	\$ 174,391,473
Local share (\$)	\$ 137,899,397	\$ 140,271,267	\$ 142,683,933
Total General Fund cost to fund 90% of requirement	\$ 275,798,794	\$ 280,542,534	\$ 285,367,865
Additional GF appropriation required	\$ 107,255,087	\$ 109,099,874	\$ 110,976,392
Local share @ 10%	\$ 30,644,310	\$ 31,171,393	\$ 31,707,541

## 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.