

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 672  
(Filing No. H-400)

Majority

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
126TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 464, L.D. 672, Bill, "An Act Relating to Exemption from Immunization for Schoolchildren"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §6355 by striking out all of the last indented paragraph (page 1, lines 18 to 23 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'For a child excepted under subsection 1, 2 or 3, a school health advisor as described in section 6402-A or the designee of a school health advisor shall provide to a parent of the child information about the benefits and risks of immunization consisting of vaccine information statements prepared by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and sign a statement that the immunization information was provided to the parent. The signed statement must be included in the child's immunization records maintained by the superintendent under section 6357, subsection 1.'

Amend the bill by adding after section 1 the following:

**Sec. 2. Reimbursement.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commissioner of Education shall establish procedures to reimburse school administrative units for 90% of the cost of assembling vaccine information statements and sending them to parents of children excepted from the immunization requirements under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6355.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
Vaccine Information for Parents N161**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to carry out the requirements of providing vaccine information statements to parents of children excepted from the immunization requirements for schoolchildren in the State.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**R O F S**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 464, L.D. 672

1	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
2	All Other	\$3,332	\$768
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4	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr/> \$3,332	<hr/> \$768
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6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on  
8 Education and Cultural Affairs, clarifies that a school health advisor or a designee of a  
9 school health advisor must provide to the parent of a child excepted from the State's  
10 immunization requirements for schoolchildren information consisting of vaccine  
11 information statements prepared by the United States Department of Health and Human  
12 Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about the benefits and risks of  
13 immunization and sign a statement that the information has been provided to the parent.

14 It requires the Commissioner of Education to establish procedures to reimburse  
15 school administrative units for 90% of the cost of assembling vaccine information  
16 statements and sending them to parents of children excepted from the immunization  
17 requirements. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

18 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

19 **(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 672

LR 1665(02)

## An Act Relating to Exemption from Immunization for Schoolchildren

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

*A (H-400)*

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$3,332	\$768	\$768	\$768
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$3,332	\$768	\$768	\$768

#### State Mandates

##### Required Activity

Requires school health advisors to provide information about the benefits and risks of immunization, consisting of Vaccine Information Statements prepared by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, to parents of a child excepted from the immunization requirements under Title 20-A, §6355 and to sign a statement that the information has been provided.

##### Unit Affected

School

##### Local Cost

Insignificant statewide

The required local activities in this bill represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. General Fund appropriations are provided to fund 90% of the additional costs.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Vaccine Information for Parents account within the Department of Education and provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$3,332 in fiscal year 2013-14 and ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$768 per year beginning in fiscal year 2014-15 to the account for the purpose of paying 90% of the total cost to local school administrative units to assemble and send the required information that school health advisors must send to parents. This fiscal note is based on the following assumptions:

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**Assumptions**

Number of vaccine information statements (VIS) on US DHHS CDC website		28
Number of VIS relevant to this bill		7
Pages per VIS		
Pages to be printed and sent per student		14
Pages for signed statement to be placed in child's records		1
Cost of 1 piece of 8 1/2 x 11 copier paper	\$	0.005
Cost per packet (15 pages @ \$0.005 per page)	\$	0.075
Estimated number of exempted students to be sent packets 1st year		5,628
Estimated number of exempted students to be sent packets annually after 1st year		433
Estimated staff time to prepare information packet 1st year		1 hour
Estimated staff time to prepare information packet annually after 1st year		1/4 hour
Estimated hourly rate		\$20
# of School Administrative Units		164

**Summary for All Schools**

Cost of information packets to send to parents 1st year		\$	422.10
Cost to assemble information packets 1st year		\$	3,280.00
Total cost to send information packets to parents 1st year	100%	\$	3,702.10
<b>General Fund appropriation needed to fund 90% 1st year</b>	90%	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,331.89</b>
Cost of information packet to send to parents annually after 1st year		\$	32.48
Cost to assemble information packets annually after 1st year		\$	820.00
Total cost to send information packets to parents annually after 1st year	100%	\$	852.48
<b>General Fund appropriation needed to fund 90% annually after 1st year</b>	90%	<b>\$</b>	<b>767.2</b>

Additional costs to the Department of Education to establish procedures to reimburse local school administrative units can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.