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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 994, L.D. 1343, "An Act To Create Education Choices by Creating Education Savings Accounts for Maine Students"

Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 231 in §6991 in subsection 4 in paragraph A in subparagraph (2) in the first line (page 3, line 8 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "learning;" the following: 'and'

Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 231 in §6991 in subsection 4 in paragraph A in subparagraph (3) in the last line (page 3, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and" and inserting the following: 'and'

Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 231 in §6991 in subsection 4 in paragraph A by striking out all of subparagraph (4) (page 3, lines 11 and 12 in L.D.).

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

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

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for programming costs necessary to deposit funds into education savings accounts.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$53,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$53,000	\$0

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Provides funds for one Public Service Coordinator I position and related All Other costs to oversee the calculation and deposit of funds into the education savings accounts.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
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1	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
2	Personal Services	\$68,861	\$106,155
3	All Other	\$3,880	\$3,880
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5	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$72,741</u>	<u>\$110,035</u>
6	School Finance and Operations Z078		
7	Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for technology and software costs.		
8	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
9	All Other	\$2,503	\$2,503
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11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,503</u>	<u>\$2,503</u>
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13	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
14	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
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16	GENERAL FUND	\$128,244	\$112,538
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18	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$128,244</u>	<u>\$112,538</u>

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

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SUMMARY

23 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, removes parents and
24 guardians providing home instruction from the list of private educational entities that may
25 receive funds from an education savings account under the bill and adds an appropriations
26 and allocations section.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/25/21 *MAC*

130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1343

LR 708(02)

An Act To Create Education Choices by Creating Education Savings Accounts for Maine Students

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

Reduction in state subsidy - local school administrative units

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$128,244	\$112,538	\$115,935	\$119,441
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$128,244	\$112,538	\$115,935	\$119,441

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$128,244 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$112,538 in fiscal year 2022-23 to the Department of Education for the costs associated with implementing the requirements of this legislation. Of that amount, appropriations of \$125,741 and \$110,035 in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively, are provided to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program for one Public Service Coordinator I position and related costs to oversee the certification of public and private educational entities that may receive funds as well as the calculation and deposit of funds into the education savings accounts. Additionally, this bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$2,503 per year beginning in fiscal year 2021-22 to the School Finance and Operations program for the technology and software costs related to the position. This fiscal note assumes an October 1, 2021 effective date.

The bill requires the Department of Education to deposit 90% of the state subsidy for each child approved for an education savings account that would otherwise be paid to the child's local school administrative unit (SAU) into a savings account established for that child. This bill also requires the SAU of the child approved for the education savings account to deposit 90% of its required local contribution attributable to that child into the child's education savings account. The impact to individual SAU's affected by this requirement will depend on the number of students in each SAU that participate in the program each year.

Without knowing how many students may participate, costs to the Office of Stater Treasurer (OST) have not been estimated. Administrative and vendor related costs for administration can be covered by up to 3% of the state subsidy attributable to each child. It is likely that the 3% would be sufficient to cover these costs.