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Date 6/6/23

REPORT A

(Filing No S-193)

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 576, L D 1458, "An Act to Increase Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following

'Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8205, sub-§16-B is enacted to read

16-B Sustainability report To submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters a sustainability report by February 1st of each year beginning February 1, 2024 and annually thereafter The report must include a plan for and updates on student recruitment efforts, the rate of student attrition, graduation rate, a budget for and explanation of mental health services available to students and a discussion of the school's Limestone location.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, adds a requirement of the Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to annually submit a sustainability report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1458

LR 1174(02)

An Act to Increase Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"(S-193)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,901,778	\$1,901,778	\$1,901,778	\$1,901,778
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,901,778	\$1,901,778	\$1,901,778	\$1,901,778

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$1,901,778 per year beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education to support the Maine School of Science and Mathematics (MSSM)

Funding for the MSSM is included in the targeted education funds component of the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12 pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 14. If this bill is enacted, the amount appropriated here for fiscal year 2023-24 will be added to the amount already designated for the MSSM in Public Law 2023, chapter 17, Part C.

Additional costs to the MSSM to annually submit a required sustainability report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.