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Date 6/6/23 Majority LD 1491
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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 946, L D 1491, "An Act to Support Rural Education"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following
'An Act to Establish a Teacher Shortage Coordinator'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRS A §253, sub-§10 is enacted to read

10. Teacher shortage coordinator. The commissioner shall appoint, subject to the Civil Service Law, a teacher shortage coordinator to increase the recruitment of teachers in teacher shortage areas as designated by the department in accordance with reporting requirements from the United States Department of Education, support and improve access to teacher preparation programs for persons willing to teach in teacher shortage areas and otherwise support educational needs in teacher shortage areas. The coordinator shall work with institutions of higher education to support the purposes of this subsection. By January 1, 2025 and annually thereafter, the coordinator shall provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters summarizing the coordinator's activities.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Higher Education and Educator Support Services Z082

Initiative Provides ongoing funds for one State Education Representative position and related All Other costs to serve as a teacher shortage coordinator to increase the recruitment of teachers in teacher shortage areas, support and improve access to teacher preparation programs for persons willing to teach in teacher shortage areas and otherwise support education in teacher shortage areas

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
2	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1 000	1 000
3	Personal Services	\$77,998	\$109,889
4	All Other	\$7,058	\$9,410
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6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$85,056</u>	<u>\$119,299</u>

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8 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section

9 number to read consecutively

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill and

12 changes the title and establishes a teacher shortage coordinator within the Department of

13 Education

14 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

15 (See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1491

LR 2340(02)

An Act to Support Rural Education

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-351)*

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	\$85,056	\$119,299	\$123,255	\$127,353
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$85,056	\$119,299	\$123,255	\$127,353

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$85,056 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$119,299 in fiscal year 2024-25 for one State Education Representative position and related All Other costs to serve as a teacher shortage coordinator to increase the recruitment of teachers in teacher shortage areas, support and improve access to teacher preparation programs for persons willing to teach in teacher shortage areas and otherwise support education in teacher shortage areas. This fiscal note assumes an October 1, 2023 effective date.