

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 182, L.D. 396, "An Act to Provide for a Later Starting Time for High Schools"

Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop a Grant Program to Encourage Secondary Schools to Adopt Later Start Times'**

Amend the amendment in section 1 in the first line (page 1, line 15 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "1." the following: **'Later Secondary'**

Amend the amendment in section 1 in the first line (page 1, line 15 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "the" the following: **'Later Secondary'**

Amend the amendment in section 2 in the 3rd and 4th lines (page 1, lines 20 and 21 in amendment) by striking out the following: "later start time than elementary schools" and inserting the following: **'start time at or after 8:30 a.m.'**

Amend the amendment in section 2 in the 4th line (page 1, line 21 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "the" the following: **'Later Secondary'**

Amend the amendment in section 2 in the 6th line (page 1, line 23 in amendment) by striking out the following: "coordinate staggered" and inserting the following: **'allow secondary schools to start at or after 8:30 a.m. by coordinating'**

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 3. Department of Education to adopt rules. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall adopt rules to ensure that grants administered through the grant program established pursuant to section 2 are administered in a manner that is equitable and fair.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
Innovative Teaching and Learning Z394**

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 182, L.D. 396 (5-484)

1 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for a contracted position to administer the school start  
2 time grant program.

3	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
4	All Other	\$106,078	\$0
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6	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$106,078</b>	<b>\$0</b>

7 **Later Secondary School Start Time Fund N522**

8 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for grants to school administrative units to collaborate  
9 on changing school start times to allow secondary schools to have a later start time than  
10 elementary schools.

11	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
12	All Other	\$75,000	\$0
13			
14	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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16 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**  
17 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

17		<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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19	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$181,078</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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21	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$181,078</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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23 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
24 section number to read consecutively.

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**SUMMARY**

26 This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A" by incorporating all the changes  
27 made in Senate Amendment "A" except that it reduces the funds appropriated for grants to  
28 school administrative units from \$100,000 to \$75,000.

29 SPONSORED BY: Rotundo D

30 (Senator ROTUNDO, M.)

31 COUNTY: Androscoggin

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 396****LR 1182(07)**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop a Grant Program to Encourage School Start Time Coordination**

**Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-484)**  
**Sponsor: Sen. Rotundo of Androscoggin**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	(\$25,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	(\$25,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This amendment reduces the one-time General Fund appropriation in the bill provided for grants to local school administrative units to collaborate on changing school start times by \$25,000 in fiscal year 2025-26.

As amended, this bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$181,078 in fiscal year 2025-26 to the Department of Education to implement and administer the school start time grant program. Of that amount, \$75,000 is appropriated for grants to local school administrative units to collaborate on changing school start times such that secondary schools have a later start time than elementary schools and \$106,078 is appropriated for one contracted position to implement and administer the grant program.