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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 518, L.D. 1810, Bill, "AN ACT to Establish an Assessment of Student Performance in the Basic Skills."

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of paragraphs A and B and inserting in their place the following:

'A. The commissioner shall obtain a broad consensus of the view of Maine citizens on this important matter by soliciting such opinion through surveys, public hearings and such other means as he may deem appropriated. In the process of soliciting the opinion of Maine citizens, the commissioner shall be assisted by a representative panel of citizens selected in the following manner. Representatives shall be appointed by the membership of each of the following organizations: One member each from the State Board of Education, the Joint Standing Committee on Education, the Maine Council on Education, the Maine Secondary Principals Association, the Maine Elementary Principals Association; 2 members from the Maine School Management Association including one school board member and one superintendent of schools;

2 members from the Maine Teachers Association including one elementary and one secondary teacher. Four members of the public at-large from rural and urban administrative units shall be selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. The members of the public may not earn a substantial portion of their income as a teacher or as an administrator in an educational institution. The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall serve as an ex officio member of the panel.

B. The commissioner shall prepare appropriate assessment materials designed to measure the performance levels of elementary and secondary school students in the basic skills area in accordance with the citizen opinion to be gathered in paragraph A.

C. The commissioner shall conduct an assessment of basic skills in the 11th grade of all Maine high schools prior to January 1, 1978. This assessment is to be coordinated with the statewide assessment activities of the Maine Assessment of Educational Progress in surveying students in the 4th, 8th and 11th grades.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to more clearly identify the membership and the method of selection of the assessment panel.

Filed by Mrs. Beaulieu of Portland.

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