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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-180)
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 3, L.D. 9, Bill, "AN
ACT to Increase the Compensation for Substitute Teachers."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 20 MRSA §6, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1977, c. 694,
§302, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA §6, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. State subsidy adjusted; hearing; appeal. After
providing an opportunity for a hearing, the Commissioner of
Educational and Cultural Services may adjust the state subsidy
to an administrative unit when the expenditures for education in
the unit show evidence of manipulation to gain an unfair advantage
or are adjudged excessive. Any interested party aggrieved by a
decision of the commissioner may appeal to the State Board of
Education pursuant to section 51.

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA §51, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1971,
c. 610, §4, is amended to read:

B. It shall be the responsibility of the State Board of
Education to exercise the following specific powers and to
perform the following duties in accordance with the statutes:
Make recommendations to the Legislature for the efficient
conduct of the public schools of the State; approve the
formation of School Administrative Districts; establish,
maintain and operate state technical and vocational institutes
and schools of practical nursing; act upon applications for
additions to and dissolution of School Administrative Districts;

establish requirements for approval and accreditation of elementary and secondary schools; ~~adjust-subsidy-to-an administrative-unit-when-the-expenditures-for-education-in such-unit-show-evidence-of-manipulation-to-gain-an-unfair-advantage-or-are-adjudged-excessive;~~ grant permission for administrative units to enter into agreements for cooperative educational purposes; act upon articles of agreement for creation of an Interstate School District; develop and adopt a plan for the establishment of regional technical and vocational centers; approve standards for school construction; approve projects for state construction aid; approve the formation of community school districts; approve isolated secondary schools; obtain information regarding applications for granting degrees and make a recommendation to the Legislature; recommend funds to the Bureau of the Budget for equalization of educational opportunity; establish a student loan insurance program; serve as state agency for administering federal funds and serve as an appeals board for unclassified personnel.

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA §51, sub-§3, ¶C, first sentence, as enacted

by PI 1971, c. 610, §4, is amended to read:

It shall review on the written request of any interested party decisions made by the department acting through the commissioner or his duly authorized representative pursuant to the following sections: 6, 222, 916, 1281, ~~1901~~, 2356-B, 3457 and 3458.

Sec. 5. 20 MRSA §1901, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 571, §39, is repealed.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Repeal several obsolete provisions in section 1901;
2. Repeal other provisions in section 1901 which are duplicated in other sections of Title 20;
3. Move one power of the commissioner to the general powers section of Title 20;
4. Repeal an inconsistency which attributes the same power to both the commissioner and the State Board of Education; and
5. Repeal a provision establishing a minimum salary for substitute teachers.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Education
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Clerk of the House.

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