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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 607, L.D. 856, Bill, "An Act Allowing School Unions To Improve Efficiency"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1902, sub-§3, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 131, §1, is amended to read:

F. May assume additional responsibilities delegated by the school boards of the school administrative units comprising the school union. -A- Except as provided in section 1904, a plan for the delegation of additional responsibilities under this section must be approved by a majority of the members of each school board. The plan must include, but is not limited to, a description of the delegated responsibilities, apportionment of costs among the member school administrative units and consideration of appropriate time limits on contracts for purchases of school supplies. Funds to support additional responsibilities under this section must be budgeted and approved as part of each school administrative unit's budget.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §1904 is enacted to read:

§1904. Fiscal authority

The superintendent of a school union may be designated as the treasurer of the school union and, notwithstanding section 1902, subsection 3, paragraph F, the union committee of a school union may perform the functions of fiscal agent for the school administrative units in the school union if a majority of the voters in each municipality agree to these designations through a

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2 referendum or at a town meeting. The article that is placed
 4 before the voters in each municipality must state the specific
 6 functions to be performed by the fiscal agent, must state that
 8 the agreement under which the union committee may perform the
 10 functions of fiscal agent may not exceed a period of 3 years and
 12 must also include a schedule for regular payment of the warrants
 14 approved in each municipality to the union committee. The school
union must provide the municipalities with accounting records
after an audit has been completed and delivered to the
superintendent. An agreement under which the union committee
performs the functions of fiscal agent may be renewed for a
period not to exceed 3 years. Each renewal may be approved only
in accordance with the procedures described in this section.'

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This amendment clarifies that the superintendent of a school
 20 union may be designated as the treasurer of the school union and
 22 that the union committee may perform the function of fiscal agent
 24 of the school union if these designations are approved by a
 26 majority of the voters of each municipality within the school
 28 union. The amendment also requires that the article that is
 30 placed before the voters in each municipality within the school
 32 union to approve these designations must specify the functions to
 34 be performed by the fiscal agent, must state that the agreement
 under which the union committee may perform the function of
 fiscal agent may not exceed a period of 3 years and must include
 a schedule for regular payment of the warrants approved in each
 municipality to the union committee. The agreement under which
 the union committee may perform the function of fiscal agent may
 also be renewed by the voters of each municipality within the
 school union in accordance with these same approval procedures.