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L.D. 1043

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 773, L.D. 1043, Bill, "An Act To Establish Universal Public Preschool Programs"

Amend the bill in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2020-2021" and inserting the following: '2023-2024'

Amend the bill in section 2 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2020-2021" and inserting the following: '2023-2024'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 3 in the first line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "programs" the following: ', including funding options that will encourage school administrative units to implement new public preschool programs or expand existing public preschool programs'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that it is the goal of the State to provide adequate start-up funding to ensure that public preschool programs for children 4 years of age are offered by all school administrative units by the 2023-2024 school year and requires the Department of Education to include in its funding recommendations funding options to encourage more public preschool programs.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1043

LR 475(02)

An Act To Establish Universal Public Preschool Programs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-256)*
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Undetermined future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation extends the timeframe from the 2018-2019 school year to the 2023-2024 school year to achieve the goal of providing adequate state start-up funding to ensure that public preschool programs for children 4 years of age are offered by all school administrative units (SAU's). The total amount of funding needed to meet this goal by the 2023-2024 school year can not be determined at this time. LD 1001, the proposed budget for the 2020-2021 biennium includes a \$7,000,000 General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2020-21 towards achieving the goal of making public preschool programs available to all Maine students.

Additional costs to the Department of Education to submit recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs for the implementation of universal public preschool for children 4 years of age, including funding options that will encourage SAU's to implement new public preschool programs or expand existing programs, can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.