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Date: 5/30/19 Minority

L.D. 1227
(Filing No. H-397)

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 888, L.D. 1227, Bill, "An Act To Allow Parents To Apply to the Commissioner of Education To Enroll Their Children in a Receiving School Administrative Unit and To Remove Limitations on Which Students May Be So Enrolled"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 19 in the 8th line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "any reason" the following: 'other than participation in athletic programs'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, excludes participation in athletic programs as a reason to request a change in enrollment.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED:
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1227

LR 1125(02)

An Act To Allow Parents To Apply to the Commissioner of Education To Enroll Their Children in a Receiving School Administrative Unit and To Remove Limitations on Which Students May Be So Enrolled

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-397)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Potential redistribution of state subsidy - local school administrative units

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing the parent or guardian of a student to make a written request for the student to be transferred from their current school administrative unit (SAU) to another SAU for any reason other than participation in athletic programs may result in an increase in the number of designations that will need to be completed by the Department of Education. The cost to the department, and the ability to absorb that cost without impacting existing programs and services, will depend on the number of designations requested each school year.

This legislation may also result in a redistribution of state subsidy to local SAU's with those SAU's experiencing higher enrollment due to this provision receiving more state subsidy and those SAU's experiencing lower enrollment receiving less. The impact to individual SAU's will depend on the net change in enrollment due to approved transfers.