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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 24, L.D. 11, "An Act Regarding
10 Temperature Standards for School Buildings"

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Amend the bill by incorporating the attached fiscal note.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment incorporates a fiscal note. The preliminary fiscal impact statement provided that, because the bill requires school boards to adopt and implement a policy establishing maximum and minimum temperature standards for school buildings and post that policy on their publicly accessible websites, expenditure of local revenue may be required and, as a result, the preliminary fiscal impact statement identified the bill requirements as a potential state mandate. The committee reviewed the preliminary fiscal impact statement and determined that the requirements of the bill do not amount to a mandate. The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1001, subsection 1-A provides that a duty of a school board is the adoption of policies that govern the school administrative unit under the school board's jurisdiction. This duty may result in minor administrative costs that may be incurred to draft and post the policy. A school board may choose to adopt a temperature policy that incurs additional costs to the school administrative unit; however, the adoption of such a policy is ultimately voluntary and not required under this bill as the bill does not provide any specific parameters for the temperature policy. A school board may choose to adopt a policy that does not incur any expenditures. As such, the committee believes that this bill does not constitute a mandate.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 04/24/25 **LRL**

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LD 11

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An Act Regarding Temperature Standards for School Buildings

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-142)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate Removed - Committee exception
Minor cost increase - local school administrative units

Fiscal Detail and Notes

In the Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement (PFIS) for this bill, it was identified as a Potential State Mandate - Unfunded. The committee reviewed the PFIS and determined that a school board may choose to adopt a temperature policy that incurs additional costs to the school administrative unit, however, the adoption of such a policy is ultimately voluntary and not required under this bill. As the committee included this exception in the summary of the committee amendment, the Potential State Mandate - Unfunded language was removed from this fiscal note for this committee amendment.

Local school boards may incur minor administrative costs to draft the written policy establishing minimum and maximum temperature standards for school buildings and post the policy on its publicly accessible website.