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L.D. 78
(Filing No. H- 113)

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 42, L.D. 78, "An Act to Require Elementary School Students to Learn Cursive Writing"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Collect Data on Cursive Instruction in Maine Public Schools'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Department of Education to collect data on cursive instruction. Resolved: That the Department of Education, within existing resources, shall conduct a survey of school administrative units to determine the number of elementary and middle schools in the State that offer instruction on cursive handwriting, the number of elementary and middle schools in the State that do not offer instruction on cursive handwriting and for which grade levels cursive handwriting instruction is offered.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by January 15, 2026, the Department of Education shall submit a report based on the results of the survey conducted pursuant to section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The committee is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Department of Education to conduct a survey of school administrative units to determine the number of elementary and middle schools in the State that offer instruction on cursive handwriting, the number of elementary and middle schools in the State that do not offer instruction on cursive handwriting and for which grade levels cursive handwriting instruction is offered.

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1 The department must submit a report based on the results of the survey to the Joint Standing
2 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 15, 2026.

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
4 **(See attached)**



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LD 78

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An Act to Require Elementary School Students to Learn Cursive Writing

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (M-113)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Education estimates the one-time cost of conducting the required survey of school administrative units and preparing the required report to be \$5,000. Because this bill requires the department to conduct the survey and prepare the report within existing resources, no General Fund appropriation is included in the bill. However, the ability of the department to complete the requirements of this legislation without impacting existing programs and services can not be determined at this time.