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Date: 5/30/25 Minority

L.D. 660

(Filing No. H-378)

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. 428, L.D. 660, "An Act to Provide Transparency and Public Access to Public School Curricula"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §4710-D in subsection 7 in the first 2 lines (page 2, lines 20 and 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "to act as the single source for all student information and data"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of Innovation 0995

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to develop and maintain a system to house data and information related to all administrator, teacher and staff professional development and instructional programs offered to schools that are paid for with state funds.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500,000	\$10,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$10,000

Office of Innovation 0995

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for one Management Analyst II position and related All Other costs to update and maintain data and information related to all administrator, teacher and staff professional development and instructional programs offered to schools that are paid for with state funds.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$76,767	\$107,331
All Other	\$7,409	\$9,328

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$84,176	\$116,659
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$584,176	\$126,659
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$584,176	\$126,659

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, removes the requirement for student information and data to be uploaded to the online portal required by the bill. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

Approved: 05/28/25 **LRL****132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 660****LR 1876(02)****An Act to Provide Transparency and Public Access to Public School Curricula****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment****Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs****Fiscal Note Required: Yes****A (M-378)****Fiscal Note**

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$584,176	\$126,659	\$130,845	\$135,194
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$584,176	\$126,659	\$130,845	\$135,194

State Mandates**Required Activity**

Requires local school administrative units to: 1) create an online portal that can be accessed by 3rd-party contractors; 2) adopt policies and procedures to ensure the approved curriculum presented is implemented in the classroom without change; 3) post at least 3 years of data regarding certain student enrollment and performance; 4) make audio and video recordings of professional development and instructional programs offered to schools and make the recordings accessible to the public free of charge for at least 3 years after the event date; and 5) maintain a list showing the date of attendance of each professional development and instructional program, name and position of attendee, program name and description for the prior 3 years and make the list free of charge to residents of the State.

Unit Affected

School

Local CostSignificant
statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$584,176 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$126,659 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Department of Education for the cost of one Management Analyst II position and related All Other costs to develop, update and maintain data and information related to all administrator, teacher and staff professional development and instructional programs offered to schools that are paid for with state funds and make the data available on the department's publicly accessible website.