

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### STATE OF MAINE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### 132ND LEGISLATURE

### FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1046, L.D. 1588, "An Act to Ensure Transparency in Student Transfer Requests"

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5205, sub-§6, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 456, §1, is further amended by enacting at the end a new last blocked paragraph to read:

By July 1st of each year, a school administrative unit shall report to the commissioner the total number of transfer requests presented to the school administrative unit in the last year, including requests to transfer to or from the school administrative unit. The report must also state the number of transfers accepted and the number of transfers denied. The commissioner shall annually publish this data on the department's publicly accessible website.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §5205, sub-§6, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 456, §2, is further amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

The commissioner shall publish on the department's publicly accessible website the number of transfer determinations, the number of transfers accepted and the number of transfers denied.'

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

### SUMMARY

This amendment removes from the bill the requirement that school administrative units provide the written description for each student transfer denial to the Commissioner of Education.

### FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1588****LR 1176(02)****An Act to Ensure Transparency in Student Transfer Requests****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment****Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs****Fiscal Note Required: Yes****A" (H-486)**

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**Fiscal Note**

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

**State Mandates****Required Activity**

Requires school administrative units (SAUs) to report to the Department of Education the total number of transfer requests presented to the SAU over the past year, including requests to transfer to or from the SAU and the number of transfers accepted and denied by July 1st of each year.

**Unit Affected**

School

**Local Cost**Moder:  
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**

Additional costs to the Department of Education to publish the required information on its publicly accessible website can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.