

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 105TH LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 721, L. D. 2010, Bill, "AN ACT Implementing the Reorganization of the Department of Educational and Cultural Services."

Amend said Amendment by inserting after the 6th paragraph the following:

'Further amend said Bill in that part designated "<u>§51.</u>" of section 4 by inserting at the end of subsection 1 the following new sentence:

No person who earns a substantial portion of his income as a teacher or as an administrator in an educational institution, other than as a college president, shall be eligible for appointment or service under this section.

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "<u>§51.</u>" of section 4 by striking out all of paragraph B of subsection 3 and inserting in place thereof the following:

B. It shall be the responsibility of the State Board of Education to exercise the following specific powers and to perform the following duties in accordance with the statutes: Make recommendations to the Legislature for the efficient conduct of the public schools of the State; approve the formation of School Administrative Districts; establish, maintain and operate state technical and vocational institutes and schools of practical nursing; act upon applications for additions to and dissolution of School Administrative Districts; establish

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requirements for approval and accreditation of elementary and secondary schools; adjust subsidy to an administrative unit when the expenditures for education in such unit show evidence of manipulation to gain an unfair advantage or are adjudged excessive; grant permission for administrative units to enter into agreements for cooperative educational purposes; act upon articles of agreement for creation of an Interstate School District; develop and adopt a plan for the establishment of regional technical and vocational centers; approve standards for school construction; approve projects for state construction aid; approve the formation of community school districts; approve isolated secondary schools; obtain information regarding applications for granting degrees and make a recommendation to the Legislature; recommend funds to the Bureau of the Budget for equalization of educational opportunity; establish a student loan insurance program; serve as state agency for administering federal funds and serve as an appeals board for unclassified personnel;

Further amend said Bill by inserting after the underlined word "<u>designee</u>" in the 4th line of section 7 (same in L.D.) the underlined punctuation and words '<u>,except as otherwise provided</u>,'

Further amend said Amendment by striking out all of the 17th paragraph which reads as follows: "'All Other (29,000)'"

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and inserting in place thereof the following:

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to create a State Board of Education comprised of lay members which would act as the Board of Trustees of the Vocational Technical Institutes and perform other policy functions within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services. This amendment also corrects Committee Amendment "A" by identifying the account to be affected by the \$29,000 reduction.

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