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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 651, L.D. 2056, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify Certain Provisions in the Education Laws."

Amend said Bill by inserting after section 11 the following:

'Sec. 11-A. 20 MRSA §855, 1st sentence, as last amended  
by PL 1967, c. 425, §8, is further amended to read:  
The school moneys of every administrative unit shall be so  
expended as to give as nearly as practicable the same aggregate  
annual length of terms in all its schools, and every administrative  
unit shall make provision for the maintenance of all of its  
schools for not less than 180 days annually of which not less  
than 175 shall be actual school days and no more than 5 may be  
devoted to in-service education of teachers, administrative  
meetings, parent-teacher conferences, records days and other such  
teacher work activities.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to legislate the minimum  
length of the school year for pupils (175 days) and teachers  
(180 days) while, at the same time, allowing local decision as to  
how the 5 days difference in <sup>the school</sup> year will be utilized. Present  
law, as interpreted by the Department of Educational and Cultural  
Services, allows only actual school days and in-service education  
days to count toward the 180-day minimum school year for teachers.  
The proposed amendment would also allow teacher work days

spent in administrative meetings, parent conferences, etc.,  
to count toward the 180-day minimum school year.

Filed by Mr. Farnham of Hampden.

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