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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A" to H.P. 1348, L.D. 1651, Bill, "AN ACT to Permit State Aid to be Distributed to the Unit or School which the Student Attends."

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

'20 MRSA §966 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§966. Annual pupil count; transfer of pupils and state subsidies

1. Superintendent's report to commissioner. Each superintendent of schools, school agent and principal of a private school shall semiannually, on April 15th and October 15th, report to the commissioner the number of pupils in attendance. The report shall also set forth the number of pupils residing in each of the municipalities making up the administrative unit. The report shall be filed on forms to be furnished by the commissioner.

2. Transfer of students; student count for subsidy purposes; no tuition.

A. Whenever it is in the best interest of a resident pupil or pupils and if the parents or legal guardians approve, the superintendents of schools or the school agents may approve a transfer of the pupil or pupils from one administrative unit to another. Any approval given shall be reviewed annually by the superintendents of schools or the school agents.

B. The unit which provides the educational program for such pupil or pupils shall count them in all reports required for purposes of computing state subsidies. For purposes of state aid with state participation as defined in section 3748, subsection 4, such pupil or pupils shall be counted as though they resided in the largest municipality within the administrative unit.

C. No tuition charges between units shall be permitted.

3. Annual approval. All transfers shall be subject to annual approval as provided in subsection 2 and the superintendent or agents shall notify the commissioner whenever such a transfer is approved.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to permit students to attend the most convenient school in order to avoid excessive transportation. Students will be counted as resident pupils in the administrative units in which they attend school and subsidy payments will be made directly to these units providing the student's education.

Reported by the Committee on Education.

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