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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to H.P. 1650, L.D. 1851, Bill, "AN ACT  
Relating to Habitual Truants and School Dropouts."

Amend the bill in section 1 by inserting at the end the  
following:

'11. Reports; superintendents; commissioner.

A. Each superintendent shall submit to the commissioner  
annually, prior to October 1st, a report which includes  
an identification of the number of habitual truants  
designated in the unit during the previous school year  
and any other information relating to truancy which the  
commissioner deems necessary.

B. The commissioner shall submit to the Legislature and  
the Governor annually, prior to January 15th, a report  
which includes an identification of the number of pupils  
designated as habitual truants during the previous school  
year, describes the development and use of alternate  
programs as authorized in this section and assesses the  
effect of the provisions of this section on the incidence  
of truancy throughout the State'

Further amend the bill in section 3 by inserting at the  
end the following new sentence:

'For subsidy distribution purposes, the previous sentence shall  
not be in effect until the 1978-79 school year.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Require each superintendent to submit an annual report to the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services on the incidences of truancy;

2. Require the commissioner to submit an annual report to the Legislature and Governor on the incidence of truancy and the effect of local alternative programs; and

3. Delay the effective date, for subsidy purposes, of the provision which provides an incentive to retain pupils in school. The provisions would prohibit the local unit from counting students who have been absent, unexcused, for more than 15% of the school days.

Filed by Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls.

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