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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1889, L.D. 1946, Bill, "AN ACT Authorizing Municipalities to Provide Textbooks and Other Nonsecular Services to Elementary and Secondary Pupils Attending Private Schools."

Amend the bill in the title by striking out the word "Nonsecular" and inserting in its place the following: 'Secular'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1, 2 and 3 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §5104, sub-§§6, 7 and 8 are enacted to read:

6. Textbooks. Providing for the purchase of those secular textbooks which have been approved by the school committee or board of directors for use in public schools in the municipality or district and to loan those textbooks to pupils or to the parents of pupils attending nonpublic elementary and secondary schools. The loans shall be based upon individual requests submitted by the nonpublic school pupils or parents. The requests shall be submitted to the school committee or board of directors of the administrative district in which the student resides. The request for the loan of textbooks shall, for administrative convenience, be submitted by the nonpublic school student or parent to the nonpublic school which shall prepare and submit collective summaries of the individual requests to the school committee or board of directors. As used in this section, "textbook" means any book or book sub-

stitute which a pupil uses as a text or text substitute in a particular class or program in the school he regularly attends;

7. Physician, nursing, dental and optometric services. Providing physician, nursing, dental and optometric services to pupils attending nonpublic elementary and secondary schools within a district or municipality. These services may be provided in the school attended by the nonpublic school pupil receiving the services;  
and

8. Tests and scoring services. Providing for the use by pupils attending nonpublic elementary and secondary schools within the municipality or a district the standardized tests and scoring services which are in use in the public schools serving that municipality or district.

Further amend the bill by renumbering section 4 to be section 2.

#### Statement of Fact

This committee amendment deletes from the original bill the amendments to the School Finance Act. It also eliminates from the original bill services for special education services, guidance and counselling services and remedial services. Consequently, the bill just authorizes cities and towns to provide textbooks, certain health services, and test and scoring services to pupils attending nonpublic schools. There is no provision in this bill for providing any state subsidy for these purposes.

Reported by the Committee on Education.

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