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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. H-624)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1125, L.D. 1397, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide Funds for Side-by-Side School as a Demonstration Project for Alternative Education Programs."

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

Sec. 1. Demonstration project. Side-by-Side School shall, if approved by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, be considered a demonstration project for full-time program of alternative education for school dropouts and chronic truants, as provided in the Revised Statutes, Title 20, section 934, subsection 1.

Sec. 2. Fiscal agent. The City of Portland is designated as the fiscal agent for any funds allocated by the department to the Side-by-Side School to carry out the purposes of this Act. Pupils enrolled in the Side-by-Side School shall not be recorded as resident pupils in the City of Portland for purposes of Title 20, chapter 515 or Title 20, section 934, subsection 2.

Sec. 3. Report and evaluation. The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall carry out an evaluation of the program and shall present an interim report to the Second Regular Session of the 109th Legislature and a final

report to the First Regular Session of the 110th Legislature. This evaluation shall include but not be limited to the quality of the educational services provided by the school and the applicability of the programs to other administrative units.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES		
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All Other	\$19,000	\$21,000'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide for a demonstrati project for alternative education programs.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Education
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