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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-384)
110TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 54, L.D. 75, Bill, "AN ACT to Require Instructions in the Public Schools on the Ill Effects of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Substances."

Amend the bill by striking out in the title the word "Other" and inserting in its place the word 'Narcotic'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

'§1231. Health Promotion Day; commissioner to prepare material; continuing educational instruction on alcohol, tobacco and narcotic substances

1. Health Promotion Day. The first Friday in March of each year or the school day in each year nearest that date shall be designated as Health Promotion Day and, in every public school in this State, not less than 45 minutes of the school session shall be set apart and used for instruction and appropriate exercises relative to the history and benefits of preventive health practices. The schools shall continue their work as far as practicable during the remainder of the day.

The commissioner shall prepare suitable material for the observance of Health Promotion Day. All school officials in the several administrative units of the State and all public school teachers within the State shall comply with this section.

2. Continuing instruction concerning the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco and narcotic substances. In grades 5 through 8 in every public school in this State:

A. Not less than 30 minutes twice each month shall be set apart and used for instruction and appropriate exercises concerning the ill effects of alcohol, tobacco and narcotic substances; or

B. ~~←~~ comprehensive, community-wide program approved by the commissioner on the ill effects of alcohol, tobacco and narcotic substances shall be established.

The commissioner shall, within the limits of available resources, assist the schools in carrying out this subsection, and the commissioner and school may seek whatever assistance is available from the Federal Government, ~~←~~ state and municipal agencies and ~~←~~ private organizations.

Statement of Fact

The amendment makes Temperance Day into Health Promotion Day, it changes "other substances" to "narcotic substances," and it gives the schools 2 alternative methods of complying with the provisions of Title 20, section 1231.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Education.
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