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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-691)
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

6 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1878, L.D. 1871, Bill,
7 "AN ACT to Provide Flexibility with Respect to the School
8 Entrance Age."

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

11 'Sec. 1. 20 MRSA §859, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL
12 1977, c. 690, §6, is amended to read:

13 B. Only in school administrative units which do not
14 offer a kindergarten program, only those children who
15 are or will become 6 years of age on or before October
16 15th of the school year shall be admitted to grade one
17 in the public schools in the State.

18 Sec. 2. 20 MRSA §859, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:

19 D. Notwithstanding the age requirements of this
20 section, a child who is enrolled in a school adminis-
21 trative unit's kindergarten or childhood education pro-
22 gram may be placed in another grade on the recommenda-
23 tion of the superintendent and with the approval of the
24 child's parent.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

26 School administrative units under current law have the
27 authority to determine the grade level placement of a child
28 from grades 1 through 12. In other words, the school unit
29 may advance a child to any grade, in grades 1 through 12.
30 This amendment extends that local option to kindergarten
31 through grade 12. For school units which do not have a kin-
32 dergarten, the minimum school entrance age would remain age
33 6 years by October 15th.

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Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Education.
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