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L.D. 2501

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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 947, L.D. 2501,
Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify and Correct Errors and
Omissions and to Improve the Laws Relating to
Education."

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 9
and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 9. 20-A MRSA §4502, sub-§1, as enacted by
PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. A, §§20 and 25 is amended to read:

1. General requirements. Elementary and
secondary schools and, school administrative units
and vocational regions shall meet all requirements of
this Title and other statutory requirements applicable
to the public schools and basic school approval
standards.

Sec. 10. 20-A MRSA §4502, sub-§5, as amended
by PL 1985, c. 774, §§4 and 11, is further amended to
read:

5. Other standards. The state board and the
commissioner shall jointly adopt basic school approval
rules governing school administrative units and,
elementary and secondary schools and vocational
regions. These rules shall set minimum standards in
the following areas, incorporating such standards as
are established by statute:

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- 1 A. Instructional time, including a minimum school
- 2 day and week;

- 3 B. Staffing, including student-teacher ratios;

- 4 C. Physical facilities, incorporating the school
- 5 construction rules of the state board;

- 6 D. Standards for equipment and libraries;

- 7 E. Minimum school size, but including recognition
- 8 of geographically isolated schools;

- 9 F. Grade and program organization;

- 10 G. Assessment and evaluation of student
- 11 performance;

- 12 H. Student personnel services, including guidance
- 13 and counseling;

- 14 I. Records, record keeping and reporting
- 15 requirements;

- 16 J. Health, sanitation and safety requirements;

- 17 K. School improvement; and

- 18 L. Prepare and implement an on-going school
- 19 improvement process and annually update a written
- 20 school improvement plan, including a fully
- 21 developed staff development plan and a plan
- 22 addressing truants, dropouts, alternative
- 23 education, prevention of truancy and return to
- 24 school, citing progress and trends with respect to
- 25 school improvement.'

- 26 Further amend the bill in section 16 in subsection
- 27 2 in paragraph C in the 3rd line (page 8, line 3 in
- 28 L.D.) by inserting after "superintendent has" the
- 29 following: 'knowingly or intentionally'

- 30 Further amend the bill by striking out all of
- 31 section 17.

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1 Further amend the bill by striking out all of
2 section 20 and inserting in its place the following:

3 'Sec. 20. 27 MRSA §404, sub-§5 is enacted to
4 read:

5 5. Rules. The Maine Arts Commission may adopt
6 rules pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure
7 Act, Title 5, chapter 375, to implement this chapter.'

8 Further amend the bill by striking out all of
9 section 21.

10 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections
11 to read consecutively.

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

13 The purpose of this amendment is to delete several
14 sections of the original bill which are unnecessary at
15 this time. The bill also applies the school approval
16 process to vocational regions, provides that for a
17 superintendent's certificate to be revoked for hiring
18 uncertified personnel he or she must do so
19 intentionally or knowingly and grants rule-making
20 authority to the Maine Arts Commission.

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Reported by Senator Estes for the Committee on Education.
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