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L.D. 268  
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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 148, L.D. 268, Bill, "An Act to Amend the School Finance Act to Clarify that Certain Educational Costs Provided to Special Populations are Allowable Special Education Costs"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15603, sub-§2, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. Special education costs which are the costs of educational services provided to students who are temporarily unable to participate in regular school programs. Students who may be included are pregnant students, hospitalized students or those confined to their homes for illness or injury, students involved in substance abuse programs within hospital settings or in residential rehabilitation facilities licensed by the Department of Human Services, Office of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Prevention for less than 6 weeks duration or students suffering from other temporary conditions which prohibit their attendance at school. Students served under this paragraph shall not be counted as exceptional students for federal reporting purposes.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment adds language to allow school administrative units to provide educational services to students involved in any short-term substance abuse treatment programs, rather than limiting these services only to those who are participating in programs in hospital settings.

Reported by Senator Bost for the Committee on Education.  
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