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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 243, L.D. 355, Bill, "An Act to Allow School Districts to Waive Up to 5 Days of Kindergarten for Screening"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact inserting in its place the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, screening of incoming kindergarten students is an essential activity for schools in order to identify special needs and other at-risk students and to permit the development of an appropriate curriculum for all students; and

Whereas, many schools would find it beneficial to conduct screening activities for incoming kindergarten students during the remainder of the current school year; and

Whereas, without enactment of this emergency legislation, the process for screening kindergarten students cannot be employed for next year's incoming kindergarten students; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

20-A MRS §4801, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. A school administrative unit, operating under a plan approved by the commissioner, may provide for the use of up to 5 of the 175 instructional days required by this section to be used for screening incoming first year students for

