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1	L.D. 355
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7	STATE OF MAINE
9	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 114TH LEGISLATURE
,	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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13	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 243, L.D. 355, Bill, "An Act to Allow School Districts to Waive Up to 5 Days of
15	Kindergarten for Screening"
17	Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact inserting in its place the
19	following:
21	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
23	as emergencies; and
25	Whereas, screening of incoming kindergarten students is an
22	essential activity for schools in order to identify special needs
27	<pre>and other at-risk students and to permit the development of an appropriate curriculum for all students; and</pre>
29	Whereas, many schools would find it beneficial to conduct
31	screening activities for incoming kindergarten students during the remainder of the current school year; and
33	Whereas, without enactment of this emergency legislation,
35	the process for screening kindergarten students cannot be employed for next year's incoming kindergarten students; and
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39	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
41	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
43	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
45	20-A MRSA §4801, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:
47	To it without 2 to and 21 Mr. 12 endered to lead:
4.0	D. A school administrative unit, operating under a plan
49	approved by the commissioner, may provide for the use of up to 5 of the 175 instructional days required by this section
51	to be used for screening incoming first year students for

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1	the purpose of identifying exceptional students and students
	at risk of school failure as required by state or federal
3	law.
5	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.
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9	FISCAL NOTE
11	The Department of Educational and Cultural Services will be
13	able to absorb the costs of this bill within existing budgeted resources.'
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17	STATEMENT OF FACT
19	The original bill authorized local school units to use up to
21	5 kindergarten instructional days during the school year for screening next year's incoming kindergarten class for special
23	needs. The amendment provides that use of those screening days must be consistent with a plan for their use approved by the
25	Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble, emergency clause and fiscal note.
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Reported by the Committee on Education
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