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L.D. 1618

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1164, L.D. 1618, Bill, "An Act to Facilitate Collaboration Among School Agencies and Community Leaders Working on Behalf of At-risk Children"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§5161.~~" by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Children at risk. "Children at risk" means children, ages 5 to 13, who are identified to be at risk under one or more of the following criteria:

- A. Read at a level 2 years or more below the average grade level and lack other readiness skills;
- B. Have been retained in a grade level at least once;
- C. Disobey school rules and regularly defy authority;
- D. Receive free or reduced price lunch;
- E. Have been referred to the Department of Human Services for the provision of child services; or
- F. Receive help in speech and language development.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§5162.~~" by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Establishment. The department shall establish 3 demonstration projects for the identification and delivery of services to children at risk. Each project shall be a collaborative effort between a school administrative unit and the community or communities which it serves. The department shall

1 select the 3 school units for these projects by issuing
2 invitations to units under guidelines and procedures to be
3 developed by the commissioner. Grants received by school units
4 will be used to administer the project and for hiring a
5 coordinator.'

7 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
8 "§5162." in subsection 2 in paragraph C in the last line (page 1,
9 line 41 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "agencies;" and
10 inserting in its place the following: 'agencies, including
11 development of models providing for the transfer of case
12 management responsibilities from preschool sites or programs to
13 the school administrative unit's early intervention program;'

15 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
16 "§5162." in subsection 4 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 5 in L.D.)
17 by striking out the following: "communities, each community" and
18 inserting in its place the following: 'school administrative
19 units, each unit'

21 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
22 "§5162." in subsection 4 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 6 in L.D.)
23 by striking out the following "community" and inserting in its
24 place the following: 'school administrative unit'

25 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and
26 inserting in its place the following:

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28 **'Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
29 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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32 **EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,**
33 **DEPARTMENT OF**

34 **Administration - Education**

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39	All Other	\$ 72,000	\$ 72,000
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41	Provides for technical		
42	assistance and evaluation and		
43	for grant funds to establish		
44	3 demonstration projects.'		

45 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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47 The original bill establishes a 3-site pilot project to
48 establish early intervention projects for at-risk children, ages
49 5 to 13. This amendment clarifies the definition of "children at

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1 risk," adds as an objective of the pilot projects the development
of models for easing the transition from preschool to public
3 school programs, amends the appropriation section and makes
technical changes in the bill.

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