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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
114TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 830, L.D. 2138, Bill, "An Act to Amend and Improve the Education Laws of Maine"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 to 7 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6001, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

§6001. Dissemination of information

The United States Family ~~Education~~ Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 93-380, as amended by Public Law 93-568, and the United States Education of All Handicapped Children Act, Public Law 94-142, ~~shall--govern~~ governs the dissemination of information about students, as well as applications for equivalent instruction through home instruction, comments on the completeness of those applications and all education records of students receiving equivalent instruction through home instruction.

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

'Sec. 9. 20-A MRSA §11608, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1989, c. 443, §26 and as repealed by PL 1989, c. 559, §9, is repealed.'

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 14. 20-A MRSA §15905, sub-§1, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 803, §§1 and 5, is amended to read:

A. The state board may approve projects as long as no project approval will cause debt service costs, as defined in section 15603, subsection 8, paragraphs A and D, to exceed the maximum limits specified in Table 1 in subsequent fiscal years.

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Table 1

Fiscal year	Maximum Debt Service Limit
1990	\$48,000,000
1991	\$57,000,000
1992	\$63,000,000 \$65,000,000
<u>1993</u>	<u>\$69,500,000</u>
<u>1994</u>	<u>\$74,500,000</u>

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

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill expands the number of students eligible for the Blaine House Scholars Program which will require future additional General Fund appropriations in order to serve those students as well as the same number of students as are currently eligible under the program.

The provision which prorates tuition rates for long-term drug treatment centers operating longer than 180 days will increase costs by approximately \$30,000 annually. Payments for this adjustment are limited to the amounts appropriated for this purpose and could be implemented without General Fund appropriations.

This bill also establishes the Maximum Debt Service Limit for fiscal years 1992-93 and 1993-94 and increases the Maximum Debt Service Limit for fiscal year 1991-92 by \$2,000,000. The estimated increases of General Fund appropriations required as a result of the changes in the debt service limit are:

<u>Fiscal year</u>	<u>General Fund Appropriation</u>
1991-92	\$1,136,000
1992-93	\$3,692,000
1993-94	\$6,532,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment deletes sections of the bill that proposed to establish a Bureau of Administration in the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, require participation in the National Assessment of Educational Progress Program and require matching participation by local school units in early childhood

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2 plan grants programs instituted last year. The amendment makes
3 technical changes to clarify the provisions in the original bill
4 applying the United States Family Education Rights and Privacy
5 Act to home schools and adds a section to the bill removing a
6 conflict between 2 laws enacted last year. Finally, the
7 amendment adds a section to the bill that establishes new maximum
8 school construction debt service limits for the fiscal years 1993
and 1994 and amends the existing debt service limit for 1992.

Reported by Senator Estes for the Committee on Education.
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