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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 885, L.D. 2254, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Special Commission to Study the Organization of the State's Cultural Agencies"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section B-17 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. B-17. 27 MRSA §34, as amended by PL 1973, c. 626, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§34. Library development

The Department of Education shall maintain a school library media section in cooperation with the Maine State Library that must carry on the following activities:

1. Media center standards. Recommending school library media center standards and evaluation of programs;

2. Certification of media professionals. Assisting in the certification and recertification of school library media professionals;

3. Project review. Reviewing state funded school library media center construction and renovation projects;

4. Expenditures for school library media programs. Advising the Commissioner of Education on the expenditure of state and federal grants for school library media programs;

5. School approval. Assisting the Commissioner of Education with basic school approvals as it pertains to library instruction;

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2 6. School accreditation. Assisting with local school
3 accreditation visits;

4 7. School library staff. Providing leadership in staff
5 development and continuing education of school library staff;

6 8. Information for local school systems. Providing
7 educational research and resource information for local school
8 systems;

9 9. Video tape library. Maintaining and providing a video
10 tape library service for use by elementary and secondary
11 education; and

12 10. Related activities. Related activities in cooperation
13 with the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council.'

14 Further amend the bill in section B-42 by striking out all
15 of that part designated "§553." and inserting in its place the
16 following:

17 '§553. Membership

18 The Maine State Cultural Affairs Council shall consist of
19 the chair of the State Cultural Affairs Council, appointed
20 pursuant to subsection 1, and the chair and vice-chair from the
21 Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation
22 Commission, the Maine Library Commission and the Maine State
23 Museum Commission. The Governor may designate a staff member of
24 the Office of the Governor to serve as a nonvoting member. The
25 directors of the 4 cultural agencies shall be nonvoting ex
26 officio members of the council.

27 1. Appointment of chair. The Governor shall appoint the
28 chair of the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council from among the
29 members of the Maine Library Commission, the Maine Historic
30 Preservation Commission, the Maine Arts Commission or the Maine
31 State Museum Commission, provided that the appointed chair is not
32 from the same commission as the previous chair. The appointment
33 is subject to review by the joint standing committee of the
34 Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government
35 matters and confirmation by the Legislature.

36 2. Term of chair. The Chair of the Maine State Cultural
37 Affairs Council shall serve a term of 2 years, except that the
38 chair's term shall not extend beyond the chair's term as a
39 commission member.'

40 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section B-52.

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill appropriates \$40,000 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1990-91 to the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council for the executive secretary and council expenses. Other additional administrative burdens shifted from the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to the 4 cultural agencies can be absorbed by the directors and the staffs of the cultural agencies without additional resources in excess of this \$40,000.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment places the school library media responsibilities under the administrative direction of the Commissioner of Education. The amendment also requires that the Governor appoint the chair of the Maine Cultural Affairs Council from among the members of the 4 commissions. The appointment requires the approval of the Legislature. The term of the chair is set at 2 years, except that the chair's term may not extend beyond the chair's term as a commission member.

These changes eliminate the need for the allocation section included in the original bill.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note.

Reported by Senator Berube for the Committee on State and Local Government. Reproduced and Distributed Pursuant to Senate Rule 12.

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