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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1788, L.D. 2457, Bill, "An Act Concerning State Education Mandate Waivers"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

**Sec. 1. Educational waivers; informational meetings.** The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall meet with appropriate organizations and professional associations to discuss the availability of educational mandate waivers and to disseminate information on the criteria and procedure for waiving implementation of educational mandates by school administrative units. Among the organizations and associations with whom the commissioner shall meet are the statewide organizations representing school superintendents, secondary and elementary school principals, school boards, teachers and municipal governments.

**Sec. 2. Informational letters.** Prior to July 1, 1990, the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall send an informational letter to school superintendents, school boards and municipal officials describing the criteria and procedure for granting waivers of state educational mandates.

**Sec. 3. Technical assistance.** The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall provide technical assistance to superintendents, principals and school boards to determine eligibility for the waiver of educational mandates, to apply for an educational mandate waiver and to plan for coming into compliance with the mandate so that, as soon as possible, the waiver will no longer be necessary.

2           **Sec. 4. Report.** By January 1, 1991, the commissioner shall  
4 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education on the status  
of educational mandate waivers. The report must include the  
6 number of waivers requested and granted, the mandates or  
requirements from which waivers were sought, the reasons for the  
waiver requests, an evaluation of the waiver program and  
8 recommendations on the continued need for educational mandate  
waivers.

10           **Sec. 5. Repeal.** This Act is repealed on July 1, 1991.'

12           Further amend the bill by inserting after the emergency  
14 clause and before the statement of fact the following:

16                           **FISCAL NOTE**

18           The Department of Educational and Cultural Services will  
incur some minor additional costs that can be absorbed within  
20 existing budgeted resources.'

22                           **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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26           This amendment replaces the original bill. The amendment  
requires the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services to  
28 meet with appropriate statewide organizations and professional  
associations to discuss and disseminate information on waivers  
30 for educational mandates, to disseminate information to  
superintendents and school boards on waivers, to provide  
32 technical assistance to superintendents, principals and school  
boards wishing to apply for waivers and to report to the Joint  
34 Standing Committee on Education on the status of education  
mandate waivers by January 1, 1991.

Reported by the Committee on Education.  
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