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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 556, L.D. 799, Bill, "An Act to Permit Students to Take Tests for Credit for Certain Classes"

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

'20-A MRSA §4730 is enacted to read:

§4730. Curriculum mastery testing

A school administrative unit may develop a testing program by which any secondary school student may substitute successful test results for the unit's normal course requirements in any course or program. If a unit offers the testing program, a student has the option of choosing to participate. Upon successful completion of the test, a student may be granted credit for the course or program and be excused from attendance and other requirements of the course or program. A unit's testing program under this section must:

1. Locally developed. Be approved by the school board;

2. Subject matter mastery. Be designed to require demonstration of mastery of the specific course or program content as determined by the school board; and

3. Application. Apply to any student taking the course whether for the first time, after previously failing the course or as part of a summer or other remedial program.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill allows school administrative units to administer locally developed tests to students for school course credit. If school units opt to provide these tests, additional personnel may be required for standards and test development. The cost associated with this bill can not be determined at this time since

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2 the number of schools that would choose to provide the tests, the
number of courses considered for testing and the personnel
4 required are all unknown. Additional General Fund appropriations
to the Department of Education, General Purpose Aid to Local
6 Schools, could be necessary beginning in fiscal year 1993-94.'

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

10 This amendment clarifies the original bill, which authorized
school administrative units to develop testing programs to permit
12 students who demonstrate mastery of course content to test out of
classes. The amendment clarifies that the testing-out option
14 applies to any school course and that the decision on whether
credit is to be granted is up to the school. The amendment
16 corrects a reference to secondary school students and adds a
fiscal note.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Education
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