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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 661, L.D. 940, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Availability of Sign Language Training"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3, 6 and 7.

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

'Sec. 8. Pilot project. Representatives from the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, the Department of Education and the University of Maine System shall produce as a pilot project a course of instruction in American sign language to be offered at secondary school sites using the University of Maine System's interactive television system. The purpose of the pilot project is to assess the demand for secondary school courses in American sign language and the effectiveness of interactive television in meeting that demand. Representatives from the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, the Department of Education and the University of Maine System shall provide a pilot project plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Education by January 15, 1992. The pilot project must begin in school year 1992-93 as long as the necessary resources, including interactive television time and sign language instructors, are available.'

FISCAL NOTE

This bill requires the Department of Education and the University of Maine System to develop a pilot course of instruction in American sign language to be offered to secondary schools on interactive television. The cost associated with developing the pilot course can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources of the Department of Education and the University of Maine System.'

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

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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8 This amendment strikes out section 3, section 6 and section
7 of the bill. It also directs the Governor Baxter School for
the Deaf, the Department of Education and the University of Maine
10 System to implement a pilot project creating an American sign
language course to be delivered over the University of Maine
12 System's interactive television system. The course is scheduled
to be broadcast beginning in September 1992.

Reported by the Committee on Education
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