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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 959, L.D. 1386, Bill, "An Act to Authorize Involvement of the Department of Human Services in Providing School-based Child Care"

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

'20-A MRSA §6654, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 551, §1, is amended to read:

§6654. School-based child care grants

The department ~~is and the Department of Human Services are~~ authorized to ~~make--grants~~ provide assistance to school administrative units to assist the units in establishing school-based child care services. ~~Each--grant--shall~~ Any assistance provided must provide funds for 2 years and expenditure of ~~grant--money--shall--be~~ those funds is considered expenditure of local funds in computing the unit's educational program costs in chapter 606. The department ~~shall-have~~ has full authority to administer the any grant program that it operates under this section.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill allows school administrative units to include as expenditures in the school funding formula any funds received from the Department of Human Services for school-based child care. If the Department of Human Services provides funds for this purpose, the amount of funding required by the Department of

2 Education, General Purpose Aid to Local Schools, would increase
and additional General Fund appropriations would be required.
4 Currently, the Department of Human Services has no funding
available for this purpose.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

10 The amendment clarifies that assistance is not restricted to
grants but may be made in other forms, such as child care
12 vouchers. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Human Resources
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