

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1081, L.D. 1575, Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Maine Educational Assessment Program"

Amend the bill by striking the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Suspend the Maine Educational Assessment Program for 2 Years'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble.

Further amend the bill by striking out sections 1 to 6 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec.1. 20-A MRSA §6208 is enacted to read:

§6208. Two-year moratorium

The statewide educational assessment program is suspended for the 1991-92 and 1992-93 school years. No General Fund expenditures may be made for the assessment program during those years.'

Further amend the bill in section 7 by striking out all of the last 5 lines (page 2, lines 40 to 44 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

'Provides for the deappropriation of funds as a result of the 2-year suspension of the educational assessment program.'

Further amend the bill by striking out the emergency clause.

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

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

#### FISCAL NOTE

1991-92

1992-93

#### APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund

(\$1,137,052)

(\$1,180,215)

This bill suspends the Maine Educational Assessment Program for 2 years, thereby abolishing 6 positions, and results in General Fund deappropriations to the Department of Education of \$1,137,052 in fiscal year 1991-92 and \$1,180,215 in fiscal year 1992-93. These amounts are based on the Governor's adjusted current services budget proposal.'

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment deletes the title, emergency preamble, emergency clause and sections 1 to 6 of the bill and replaces them with a new title and language that suspends the assessment program for school years 1991-92 and 1992-93. The original bill eliminates the assessment program. This amendment suspends the program for the next biennium in an attempt to preserve other vital functions and services of various state departments and agencies. It also adds a fiscal note.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Education  
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