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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1695, L.D. 2375, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Arthur R. Gould School"

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§15-A is enacted to read:

<u>15-A.</u>	<u>Policy Review</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>34-A MRSA</u>
<u>Education:</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>§3815</u>
<u>Arthur R.</u>			
<u>Gould School</u>			

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3815 is enacted to read:

§3815. Arthur R. Gould School

1. Purpose. The Arthur R. Gould School, located at the Maine Youth Center, is devoted to the education and instruction of persons residing at the center.

2. Responsibility for maintaining school. The State, through the Department of Corrections, has the responsibility and expense of maintaining the school in compliance with all elementary and secondary state education requirements for public schools and private schools approved for tuition purposes established in Title 20-A.

3. School privileges. A person residing at the Maine Youth Center is eligible to attend the Arthur R. Gould School and receive education, vocational education, special education and alternative education services in accordance with all state and federal requirements.

2 4. Policy review council. The Commissioner of Corrections  
3 and the Commissioner of Education shall appoint a 7-member policy  
4 review council as authorized by Title 5, chapter 379.

6 A. The term of office is 3 years.

8 B. The initial appointments are as follows:

10 (1) Three members for 3 years;

12 (2) Two members for 2 years; and

14 (3) Two members for one year.

16 C. Replacements for council members who do not complete  
17 their term of office are for the remainder of the unexpired  
18 term.

20 D. A Legislator may not serve on the council.

22 E. The council members must be representative of a broad  
23 range of professionals, parents and citizens interested in  
24 the education of students at the Arthur R. Gould School and  
25 include the parents of a current or former Arthur R. Gould  
26 School student. In addition, council members may include:

28 (1) Professionals not employed by the Arthur R. Gould  
29 School who serve or have served students in a  
30 corrections setting;

32 (2) Representatives of advocacy groups for children  
33 with special needs;

34 (3) School administrative unit administrators or  
35 special education directors; and

36 (4) Interested citizens.

38 F. The council must have access to the school, but may not  
39 participate in the administration of the day-to-day  
40 operations of the school.

42 G. The duties of the council include, but are not limited  
43 to:

46 (1) Making annual recommendations to the  
47 superintendent and sending copies of the  
48 recommendations to the members of the joint standing  
49 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
50 education matters;

2           (2) Making policy recommendations to the  
3           superintendent, the Commissioner of Education and the  
4           Commissioner of Corrections;

6           (3) Reviewing policy development by the superintendent;

8           (4) Reviewing the implementation of policy;

10          (5) Reviewing staff recruitment, retention, promotion  
11          and evaluation policies and procedures;

12          (6) Holding hearings for staff, parents, students,  
13          alumni, special education directors and the general  
14          public and otherwise soliciting the opinions of  
15          individuals in those groups concerning the operation  
16          and role of the school; and

18          (7) Conducting exit interviews with staff members  
19          terminating employment with the school.

22   **FISCAL NOTE**

24           Funding to support the operations of the Arthur R. Gould  
25           School at the Maine Youth Center is included within current  
26           budgeted resources of the Department of Corrections. Any  
27           administrative costs associated with the policy review council  
28           can be absorbed within existing resources of the department.'

30   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

32           The original bill clarified that the Arthur R. Gould School,  
33           located at the Maine Youth Center in South Portland, is subject  
34           to the same education requirements as Maine public schools and  
35           private schools approved for tuition purposes. It granted  
36           authority for governing the school to a 5-member board of  
37           trustees and created a policy review council to recommend and  
38           review education policy at the school. The bill also required  
39           that sending school administrative units provide tuition payments  
40           for students committed to the youth center who attend the school.

42           This amendment deletes the provisions that established a  
43           board of trustees and that required sending schools to contribute  
44           tuition payments to the Arthur R. Gould School. The amendment  
45           also adds a fiscal note.

Reported by the Committee on Education  
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