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116TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1069, L.D. 1435, Bill, "An Act to Guarantee Equal Access and Nondiscrimination to All Students Enrolled in Approved Equivalent Instruction Programs"

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

'Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Education to Study the Provision of Greater Access to Public Schools for Students Enrolled in Approved Equivalent Instruction Programs'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Department of Education to conduct study. Resolved: That the Department of Education is authorized and directed to conduct a study of how to provide greater access to public schools by home school students. The study must provide specific recommendations for legislation and must specifically review:

1. The current degree of access to public schools statewide by home school students;

2. Issues related to access to curricular, cocurricular and extracurricular activities in public schools by home school students;

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2 3. State laws and rules related to access to public schools
by home school students;

4 4. Local school administrative unit policies concerning
6 home school students; and

8 5. Other factors related to home school student access to
public schools; and be it further

10 **Sec. 2. Study to be overseen by committee. Resolved:** That the
12 study required in section 1 must be overseen by a committee of 11
persons staffed by the Department of Education. The committee,
14 known as the Home School Study Committee, consists of the
Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee and the
16 following members appointed by the Governor:

18 1. One member representing the Maine Home School
Association;

20 2. One member representing the State Board of Education;

22 3. One member representing the Maine Superintendents
24 Association;

26 4. One member representing the Maine Principals'
Association;

28 5. One member representing the Maine School Boards
30 Association;

32 6. One member representing the Maine Education Association;

34 7. One member who is a home school student;

36 8. One member who is a parent of a home school student; and

38 9. One member who is a home school support group leader.

40 One additional member who is chosen by the other 10
committee members serves as the chair of the committee; and be it
42 further

44 **Sec. 3. Study costs. Resolved:** That incidental committee
expenses, such as mailing, copying and printing, must be paid by
46 the Department of Education. Members of the committee are not
eligible to be compensated for their expenses; and be it further

48 **Sec. 4. Report completed. Resolved:** That the Home School Study
50 Committee shall submit its report, including any necessary

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2 legislation, to the First Regular Session of the 117th
Legislature and the Governor no later than November 15, 1994.'

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

8 **FISCAL NOTE**

10 The additional costs to pay for the incidental expenses of a
12 study of access to public schools by home school students can be
absorbed by the Department of Education utilizing existing
14 budgeted resources.'

16 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

18 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment directs the
Department of Education to conduct a study of access to public
20 schools by home school students. The study will be overseen by
a committee of 11 members with an interest in home school
22 issues. The committee must report its findings and
recommendations for legislation to the 117th Legislature and the
24 Governor no later than November 15, 1994. The amendment also
adds a fiscal note.

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