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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 651, L.D. 874, Bill, "An Act to Establish Tuition Rates for the Unorganized Territory Schools Based on a State Average"

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

'Resolve, to Establish Tuition Policy for the Town of Dennysville and Edmunds Township'

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

'Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

Sec. 1. Establish the tuition rate for school year 1994-95. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 3304, the per student tuition charge for students from the Town of Dennysville attending the Edmunds School is limited to \$3,978 for the 1994-95 school year; and be it further

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Sec. 2. Creation of pupil tuition study committee. Resolved: That the Town of Dennysville and Edmunds Township shall form a study committee to review the provision of education services to elementary pupils attending the Edmunds School. The review must include, but is not limited to, reviewing pupil tuition policies, transferring ownership of the Edmunds School to the Town of Dennysville and consideration of Edmunds Township organizing as a town. The study committee shall report back to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by December 15, 1995. The committee may report out legislation concerning this matter to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill will decrease tuition revenue that supports the Edmunds Consolidated School by \$40,000 in fiscal year 1994-95. Sufficient resources for the school's fiscal year 1994-95 operating costs are available within the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund to offset the lost revenue.

This bill requires the Town of Dennysville and Edmunds Township to form a study committee. The additional costs of this state mandate are expected to be insignificant. Pursuant to the mandate preamble, the 2/3 vote of all members elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional local costs.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment limits the tuition charge in 1994-95 for students from the Town of Dennysville attending school in Edmunds Township to the 1993-94 tuition level. The amendment directs the Town of Dennysville and Edmunds Township to form a study committee to review the provision of education services to elementary pupils attending the Edmunds School and requires the study committee to report to the Legislature by December 15, 1995. The amendment also adds a mandate preamble and a fiscal note to the bill.