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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
117TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 700, L.D. 958, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997"

Amend the amendment in Part J by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. J-2. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶Q, as amended by PL 1993, c. 290, §2, is further amended to read:

Q. Serve as state agency for administering federal funds for construction of school facilities and for vocational education; and

Sec. J-3. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶S, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 290, §3, is amended to read:

S. Develop long-range education goals and standards for school performance and student performance to improve learning results and recommend to the commissioner and to the Legislature a plan for achieving those goals and standards.

Sec. J-4. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶¶T to V are enacted to read:

T. Establish and maintain a 5-year plan for education that includes goals and policies for the education of children in kindergarten and grades one to 12 and that promotes services for preschool children. The plan must incorporate and build upon the work of the Task Force on Learning Results, established in Public Law 1993, chapter 290 and the federal GOALS 2000: Educate America Act;

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

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2        U. Review the organization of school administrative units  
4        statewide to identify current cooperative agreements between  
6        school administrative units. Cooperative agreements may  
8        include, but are not limited to: purchasing or contract  
10       agreements; administrative functions; shared staff and staff  
12       training; and technology initiatives. Based on the review,  
14       and in consultation with the department, the state board may  
16       require that school administrative units develop and carry  
18       out a plan for a cooperative agreement with one or more  
20       other school administrative units. "Cooperative agreement"  
22       may include agreements between school administrative units  
24       and applied technology regions and applied technology  
26       centers; and

28       V. Study school consolidation statewide, develop a school  
30       consolidation plan that includes criteria for evaluating  
32       opportunities for consolidation and, if desirable, develop a  
34       time line for implementation.

36       **Sec. J-5. Progress report.** The State Board of Education shall  
38       provide a progress report on its review pursuant to the Maine  
40       Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 405, subsection 3,  
42       paragraph U to the Joint Standing Committee on Education by  
44       December 1, 1995. The report must include an analysis of current  
46       cooperative agreements and a framework for requiring additional  
48       agreements statewide.

50       **Sec. J-6. Implementation plan.** Beginning in March 1996, the  
52       State Board of Education shall develop for the Legislature an  
54       implementation plan for funding essential programs and essential  
56       services. The plan must be based on the criteria for student  
58       learning developed by the Task Force on Learning Results  
60       established in Public Law 1993, chapter 290. The plan must  
62       include establishment of a system to measure and ensure that  
64       schools are held accountable for student learning results. The  
66       board shall present its plan and implementing legislation to the  
68       joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
70       over education matters by December 1, 1996. The committee may  
72       report out a bill based on the proposal.'

74       Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering  
76       any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
78       consecutively.

**FISCAL NOTE**

80       The State Board of Education will incur some minor  
82       additional costs to develop and maintain certain educational  
84       plans. These costs can be absorbed by the board utilizing  
86       existing budgeted resources.

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L.D. 958

2           This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund  
3           appropriations and revenue and a balanced budget is maintained  
4           for fiscal year 1995-96 and fiscal year 1996-97.

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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9           This amendment adds new duties to the State Board of  
10          Education.

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