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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 542, L.D. 1479, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Education"

Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 9-A in paragraph A in the 4th line (page 1, line 44 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "principal" and inserting in its place the following: 'superintendent'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 7.

Further amend the bill in section 8 in the first line (page 2, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "sub-§§1, 3 and 4" and inserting in its place the following: 'sub-§1'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

'**Sec. 9. 20-A MRSA §18022, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 708, Pt. B, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Deaf. "Deaf" means that the sense of hearing of an individual is nonfunctional for the purpose of communication and that individual must depend primarily upon visual communication.

Sec. 10. 20-A MRSA §18022, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 708, Pt. B, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 11. 20-A MRSA §18022, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Hard of hearing. "Hard of hearing" means a hearing loss in an individual that results in a functional loss, but not

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2 to the extent that the individual must depend primarily upon
3 visual communication.

4 **Sec. 12. 20-A MRSA §18022, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
5 708, Pt. B, §1, is amended to read:'

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7 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
8 "**§18024.**" in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 4, line 8
9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "23" and inserting in
10 its place the following: '23 24'

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12 Further amend the bill in section 9 in that part designated
13 "**§18024.**" in the first paragraph in the 4th line (page 4, line 9
14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "nonvoting"

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16 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
17 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
18 consecutively.

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

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24 **FISCAL NOTE**

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26 The additional costs to monitor schools' compliance with
27 certain federal regulations can be absorbed by the Department of
28 Education utilizing existing budgeted resources.

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30 The Division of Deafness within the Department of Education
31 will incur some minor additional costs to increase the membership
32 of its advisory council. These costs can be absorbed within the
33 division's existing budgeted resources.'

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36 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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38 This amendment adds new definitions of "deaf" and "hard of
39 hearing" to the bill. The amendment changes the number of
40 members serving on the advisory council to the Division of
41 Deafness from 23 to 24 and removes the nonvoting status from
42 members-at-large. The amendment also eliminates a provision
43 concerning federal impact aid, which is addressed in separate
44 legislation, and adds a fiscal note to the bill.