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**STATE OF MAINE
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117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 1150, L.D. 1589, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Productivity Realization Task Force"

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Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the emergency clause the following:

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PART M

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Sec. M-1. Department of Education abolished. The Department of Education is abolished on March 1, 1996.

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Sec. M-2. Legislation. The Commissioner of Education shall submit proposed legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by February 1, 1996 to accomplish the abolition of the department. The proposed legislation must address, at a minimum, the transfer or elimination of the duties, responsibilities, powers, assets and liabilities of the department. The Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs shall then report out a bill or bills relating to the abolition of the department to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature.'

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

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FISCAL NOTE

The net fiscal impact of abolishing the Department of Education can not be determined at this time. The fiscal impact depends on the implementation legislation to be submitted to and enacted during the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature.

The additional costs to develop the implementation plan can be absorbed by the Department of Education utilizing existing budgeted resources.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment abolishes the Department of Education effective March 1, 1996. The amendment requires the Commissioner of Education to present proposed legislation to accomplish the abolition to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and authorizes the committee to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature.

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