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SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1210, L.D. 1660, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Monetary Limit of Improvements That Must be Approved by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for School Administrative Units"

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

'Resolve, to Review the Role of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services in Approving School Construction Projects for School Administrative Units'

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

'Sec. 1. Study group established. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Education shall convene a study group to review and consider improvements to the current role of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services in approving school construction projects. The following entities shall each appoint one representative to serve on the study group: the Department of Education; the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services; the Maine School Management Association; a statewide professional engineering association selected by the commissioner; and a statewide professional architectural association selected by the commissioner. Other members may be appointed at the discretion of the commissioner. The study group shall present its report, together with any recommended legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by December 15, 1996. Members of the study group must participate at their own expense.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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8 The Department of Education and the Department of
Administrative and Financial Services may incur some minor
additional costs related to the study of certain school
10 construction issues. These costs can be absorbed within the
departments' existing budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The amendment replaces the bill with a requirement that the
Commissioner of Education convene a study group, at no cost to
18 the State, to review and make recommendations for improving the
current role of the Department of Administrative and Financial
20 Services, Bureau of General Services in approving school
construction projects. The group must present its report and any
22 recommended legislation to the joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural
24 affairs by December 15, 1996. The amendment replaces the title
to reflect the changes made in the amendment. The amendment also
26 adds a fiscal note.