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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 687, L.D. 1756, Bill, "An Act to Establish a High School for the Visual and Performing Arts"

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Amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "§8254." in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph G (page 3, lines 11 to 17 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

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'G. Seven members of the public, at least 5 of whom must be artists, appointed by the Governor and subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and subject to confirmation by the Legislature. Among the public members who are artists, there must be at least one member representing each of the major arts disciplines, which are visual, performing, creative writing and media;'

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Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "§8254." in subsection 4 in the 2nd line (page 3, line 43 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "constituted by the members in attendance and all official actions" and inserting in its place the following: 'constituted by a majority of the members of the board of trustees and all official actions'

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Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "§8256." in subsection 2 in the blocked paragraph by striking out all of the last sentence (page 6, lines 18 to 20 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: 'The plan may include other innovative programs that meet the purpose of the school and assist in the professional development of all teachers.

including, but not limited to, classroom generalists, specialists
in the visual and performing arts and special educators.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The bill establishes the Maine Center for Arts Education as
a public chartered school. The Task Force on the Maine School
for Visual and Performing Arts has requested a General Fund
appropriation of \$285,000 in fiscal year 1996-97 to be used for
the planning, development and recruitment costs of the proposed
center.

The additional amount of General Fund appropriations
required for general operations of the school can not be
determined at this time. Even though the bill states that Maine
students may attend the school tuition-free, the bill is not
specific to responsibility for tuition payments, the method to
calculate tuition, the effect of facility debt service payments
on that tuition rate, the responsibility for room and board and
other associated costs and the effective date for the first year
of operations.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The amendment corrects language relating to a quorum of the
Board of Trustees of the Maine Center for Arts Education,
clarifies a section relating to public members of the board of
trustees and specifies that the school may provide innovative
programs to assist in the professional development of classroom
generalists and special education teachers as well as teachers of
visual and performing arts.