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L.D. 1791

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 701,
L.D. 1791, Bill, "An Act to Initiate Education Reform in Maine"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

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

'Resolve, to Further Refine Education Reform in Maine''

Further amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

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

'Sec. 1. Legislature affirms commitment to improving the principles of education reform. Resolved: That the members of the 117th Legislature affirm their commitment to improving the basic principles of educational reform; and be it further

Sec. 2. School administrative units to review changes, costs and potential improvements to these principles of education reform. Resolved: That each school administrative unit shall review the principles of education reform set forth in the report of the Task Force on Learning Results, established pursuant to Public Law 1993, chapter 290, and provide to the Commissioner of Education a comprehensive report on projected program changes and all associated costs required to implement these reforms. The report may also include any suggestions for improvement to the principles of reform contained in the report and the means by

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which the principles should be assessed; and be it further

Sec. 3. School administrative unit reporting date established.
Resolved: That each school administrative unit shall report its findings to the Commissioner of Education by June 30, 1997; and be it further

Sec. 4. Commissioner to compile reports and report to the Legislature. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Education shall compile the reports provided by school administrative units and prepare a thorough review and analysis of their contents, accompanied by any necessary implementing legislation, for submission to the Legislature by December 30, 1997. The commissioner's report must be considered by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters during the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature; and be it further

Sec. 5. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1996-97

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Reimbursement for State Mandates

All Other \$12,750

Provides funds to allow the Department of Education to pay school administrative units for the one-time review and reporting requirements imposed in this resolve.' '

FISCAL NOTE

1996-97

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund \$12,750

The amendment replaces the committee amendment, eliminating the fiscal year 1996-97 \$2,100,000 General Fund appropriation for professional development and demonstration grants.

The amendment proposes review and reporting requirements on school administrative units that will result in additional

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expenditures to the units. The Maine Revised Statutes, Title
30-A, section 5685 requires the State to provide sufficient
amounts to meet at least 90% of these additional costs and to
distribute the funds in accordance with a mandated payment
distribution schedule.

The amendment provides a General Fund appropriation of
\$12,750 in fiscal year 1996-97 for the Department of Education.
The one-time printing, postage and meeting costs incurred by the
school administrative units, estimated to average approximately
\$50 per unit, will be paid from this appropriation by the
Department of Education in accordance with the distribution
schedule.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The amendment replaces the bill. The amendment changes the
bill to a resolve that directs each school administrative unit to
review the principles of education reform set forth in the report
of the Task Force on Learning Results and to provide the
Commissioner of Education a report on the projected program
changes and the costs associated with implementation of those
changes. The Commissioner of Education is directed to compile
the reports and prepare a review and analysis, accompanied by any
necessary implementing legislation, for submission to the
Legislature by December 30, 1997. The amendment adds an
appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

SPONSORED BY: 
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HOUSE AMENDMENT