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SENATE 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 before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4710 is enacted to read:

§4710. Minimum homework requirement

During the school year each student must be given and is expected to perform academic homework requiring the following minimum commitments of time after school:

1. Fifth and 6th grades. For students in the 5th and 6th grades, 3 hours per week;

2. Seventh and 8th grades. For students in the 7th and 8th grades, 5 hours per week; and

3. High school. For students in high school, 10 hours per week.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6005 is enacted to read:

§6005. Transcripts

The record of a student's high school achievements must be recorded in a transcript form that provides clear and readable information about the results of the student's assessment tests, grades, courses taken, attendance, behavior, effort, extracurricular activities and teacher comments.'

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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10 The amendment requires high school student transcripts to
include certain specific information. If schools need to change
12 their current transcript formats, they will incur additional
expenditures. The amount of General Fund appropriations that
14 will be required to provide at least 90% of the costs of these
local expenditures, as required by the Constitution of Maine, can
not be determined at this time.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment establishes minimum homework requirements for
students in grades 5 through 12. The amendment also requires the
22 preparation of transcripts and specifies the information to be
recorded in the transcripts.

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