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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 29, L.D. 54, Bill, "An Act to Encourage Art Education in the State"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§410." in subsection 1 in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 8 and 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and consent"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§410." in subsection 2 in the first line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "must" and inserting in its place the following: 'may'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§410." in subsection 3 in the first line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "ensure that" and inserting in its place the following: 'increase the availability of'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§410." in subsection 3 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "is made available"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§410." in subsection 4 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "provide" the following: 'information, promotion, technical support,'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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MAINE ARTS COMMISSION

Arts - Administration

All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
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Provides funds to administer an arts education outreach program for teachers.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

1997-98

1998-99

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund	\$150,000	\$150,000
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The Maine Arts Commission will require additional General Fund appropriations to administer an arts education outreach program to provide professional development in arts education to public school teachers. The commission has estimated that appropriations of \$150,000 in each of fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99 will be needed for program costs.

The Department of Education will incur some minor additional costs to work with the commission in administering the arts education program. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment modifies the authority of the Maine Arts Commission and qualifies the role of the Department of Education with respect to the establishment and administration of the arts education outreach program. The Maine Arts Commission establishes the program with the advice of the Commissioner of Education. The Department of Education also provides the Maine Arts Commission with information, promotion, technical support, resources and personnel as necessary to administer the statewide arts education outreach program.

The amendment also adds an appropriation and a fiscal note to the bill.