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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 360, L.D. 505, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Tuition Rate for Education in the Unorganized Territory"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1-A in the last line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "5804" the following: 'or the receiving school administrative unit's actual expenditure per elementary pupil for the preceding year as calculated by the commissioner, whichever is less'

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

FISCAL NOTE

	1997-98	1998-99
<b>REVENUES</b>		
General Fund	(\$194,000)	(\$208,050)

Excluding the value of state retirement for teachers employed in unorganized territory schools from the municipal cost component assessment will reduce the tax rate for taxpayers in the unorganized territory and will consequently reduce General Fund revenue by \$194,000 in fiscal year 1997-98 and \$208,050 in fiscal year 1998-99.

The Department of Education, Education in the Unorganized Territory account will require additional General Fund

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appropriations since the establishment of a tuition rate for nonresident students attending unorganized territory schools at 125% of the state average expenditure per elementary pupil will result in a decrease in tuition revenue that supports these schools. While the amount of the additional appropriations required can not be estimated, an increase in General Fund revenue to offset these costs will result from a transfer from the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund.'

### SUMMARY

This amendment qualifies the per pupil tuition charge that the Commissioner of Education shall establish annually for nonresident pupils attending an elementary school in the unorganized territory. The commissioner is authorized to establish the per pupil tuition charge at 125% of the state average expenditure per elementary pupil or at the receiving school administrative unit's actual expenditure per elementary pupil, whichever is less. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.