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No. 694

H.P. 503

House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

An Act to Repeal the Guiding Principles of the Learning Results System.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMKE of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Piscataquis and
Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, GERRY of Auburn, GOODWIN of Pembroke,
LANE of Enfield, O'NEAL of Limestone, SKOGLUND of St. George, TUTTLE of Sanford,
WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6209, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 649, §1, is amended to read:

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The department in consultation with the state board shall establish and implement a comprehensive, statewide system of learning results, referred to in this section as the "system," no later than the 2002-03 school year. The system, ~~based broadly upon guiding principles set forth in this section,~~ must establish high academic standards at all grade levels in the areas of math; English; science and technology; social studies, including history, economics and civics; career preparation; visual and performing arts; health and physical education; and foreign languages. Only students in a public school or a private school approved by the State pursuant to section 2902 and approved for the receipt of public funds by private secondary schools pursuant to section 2951 are required to participate in the system of learning results. The commissioner shall develop accommodation provisions for instances where course content conflicts with sincerely held religious beliefs and practices of a student's parent or guardian. The system shall must be adopted to accommodate exceptional students as defined in section 7001, subsection 2.

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Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6209, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 649, §1, is repealed.

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SUMMARY

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This bill repeals the guiding principles that current law requires the Department of Education and the State Board of Education to use in developing a statewide system of learning results.