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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1093, L.D. 1536, "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 131: Rules for Learning Results, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education"

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "authorized." and inserting in its place the following: 'authorized; and be it further'

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

**Sec. 2. Use of the Maine Educational Assessment. Resolved:** That the Department of Education may not use the Maine Education Assessment as an assessment tool that is part of a student's graduation requirement; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1997-98                      1998-99

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Learning Systems

All Other                                      (\$674,294)      (\$1,240,876)

Deappropriates funds for the Maine Education Assessment testing program previously appropriated in Public Law

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1093, L.D. 1536

1997, chapter 24, Part JJ,  
section 1.

**FISCAL NOTE**

**1997-98**                      **1998-99**

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

General Fund                                      (\$674,294)      (\$1,240,876)

This amendment deappropriates \$674,294 and \$1,240,876 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively, from the Department of Education's Learning System's program, representing amounts provided for modifications to the Maine Education Assessment testing program related to measuring learning results. The impact of this amendment on the ability of the State to measure learning results can not be determined.

**SUMMARY**

The resolve authorizes final adoption of rules for learning results provisionally adopted by the Department of Education. Funds that are needed to measure learning results are currently appropriated for the Maine Education Assessment testing program. This amendment deappropriates funds appropriated for the Maine Education Assessment and directs them to the General Fund. This amendment also prohibits the Department of Education from using the Maine Education Assessment as part of a student's graduation requirements.

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