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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to H.P. 1189, L.D. 1688, "Resolve, to Promote School Choice by Establishing a Voucher Program"

Amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

The Department of Education will require additional General Fund appropriations beginning in fiscal year 1998-99 to implement a voucher system that allows students to attend any public or private school, including home schooling. The amounts required can not be determined, but could exceed \$15,000,000 for vouchers for home-schooled and other students in private schools who are currently not receiving services from Maine public schools.

The requirement that school administrative units remit certain local funds to the State to be redistributed with State funds in the voucher program represents a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The additional local costs can not be determined. General Fund appropriations will be required to fund at least 90% of the additional costs unless a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**