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118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1195, L.D. 1695, Bill, "An Act to Provide Early Childhood Education Opportunities"

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

FISCAL NOTE

The requirement that school administrative units provide full-time kindergarten and implement early childhood education programs represents a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The additional local costs can not be determined but are expected to be significant. 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.

The bill may result in a redistribution of existing General Purpose Aid for Local Schools funding.

The Department of Education will require additional General Fund appropriations to design a model program and curriculum for early childhood education to be made available to school administrative units. The amounts required can not be determined at this time.'

SUMMARY

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT