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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 474, L.D. 681, Bill, "An Act to Fund Public School Alliances"

Amend the bill in section 1 in the 7th to 9th lines (page 1, lines 15 to 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Provides funds to establish a grant program to support public school alliances." and inserting in its place the following: 'Provides funds to establish a grant program to support up to 20 public school alliances per year.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 24 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "program." the following: 'The rules must include a preference in awarding grants to public school alliances that secure local resources to match all or part of the state funds.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

Table with columns for 1999-00 and 2000-01, and rows for APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS and General Fund. Total amount of \$140,000 is noted.

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2 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 for the Department of
Education to develop a grant program to support public school
4 alliances. No funding for this program is currently included in
the Governor's proposed "current services" budget.

6 The Department of Education will incur some minor additional
costs to adopt rules to implement the grant program. These costs
8 can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted
resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment limits the number of grants to support public
school alliances under the bill to 20 per year and requires the
16 Department of Education to adopt rules that establish a
preference in awarding grants to school alliances that obtain
18 local matching funds.