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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 928, L.D. 1305, Bill, "An Act to Establish and Fund Conflict Resolution Programs in the Public Schools"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §262 is enacted to read:

**§262. Violence prevention and intervention**

The commissioner shall provide technical assistance to school administrative units that request assistance in the provision of violence prevention and intervention training programs for teachers, school staff and students. The assistance must emphasize conflict resolution education, peer mediation and early identification and response to signs of violence.

**Sec. 2. Department of Education grant program providing technical assistance to schools for conflict resolution training and peer mediation programs.** The Department of Education shall establish a grant program to initiate and continue support for conflict resolution education and peer mediation programs in schools. The Department of Education shall establish procedures for applying for grants, criteria for awarding grants and a process for evaluating and replicating successful programs.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

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Learning Systems

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All Other \$100,000

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Provides funds for school conflict resolution education programs and a grant program to support conflict resolution and peer mediation programs in schools.'

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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2000-01

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund \$100,000

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This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Education to provide grants to school administrative units for conflict resolution and peer mediation programs.

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The additional costs associated with administering the grant program and providing technical assistance to school administrative units can be absorbed by the Department of Education utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the majority report of the committee and implements one of the recommendations of the Commission to Study Providing Educators with More Authority to Remove Violent Students from Educational Settings. The amendment directs and provides funding for the Department of Education to provide technical assistance to schools in developing violence prevention and intervention training for educators, staff and students that emphasizes conflict resolution education, peer mediation and early identification and response to signs of violence. The

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2 amendment also establishes a grant program to be administered by  
the Department of Education to support the establishment of  
conflict resolution and peer mediation programs in schools.

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6 The amendment also adds an appropriation and a fiscal note  
to the bill.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**