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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1115, L.D. 1574, Bill, "An Act to Improve Access to Education for Parents as Scholars Program Participants"

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3790, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. B, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Program requirements. An enrollee must participate in a combination of education, training, study or work-site experience for an average of 20 hours per week in the first 24 months of the program. Aid under this chapter may continue beyond 24 months if the enrollee remains in an educational program and agrees to participate in either of the following options:

A. Fifteen hours per week of work-site experience in addition to other education, training or study; or

B. A total of 40 hours of education, training, study or work-site experience.

The department shall present both options to enrollees and permit them to choose either option. For the purpose of this subsection, work-site experience includes, but is not limited to, paid employment, work study, practicums, internships, clinical placements, laboratory or field work directly related to the enrollee's employment goal or any other work activities that, as determined by the department, will enhance the enrollee's

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2 employability in the enrollee's field. In the last semester of  
3 the enrollee's educational program, work-site experience may also  
4 include resume preparation, employment research, interviews and  
5 other activities related to job placement.

6 The department shall make reasonable adjustments in the  
7 participation requirements in this subsection for good cause.  
8 For the purpose of this subsection, "good cause" means  
9 circumstances in which the required participation would cause the  
10 enrollee to seriously compromise academic performance. "Good  
11 cause" includes, but is not limited to, a verifiable need to take  
12 care of a family member with special needs, a physical or mental  
13 health problem, illness, accident, death or a serious personal or  
14 family problem that necessitates reduced participation or time  
15 off from education, training or work. An enrollee receiving aid  
16 under this chapter must make satisfactory progress in the  
17 enrollee's educational program. The department shall adopt rules  
18 defining satisfactory academic progress. The department may not  
19 disapprove an educational plan based solely on the length of the  
20 educational program.'

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**SUMMARY**

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25 This amendment replaces the bill. It allows Parents as  
26 Scholars enrollees who are in their 3rd and 4th years of study to  
27 choose among work-site experience, education, training or study.  
28 It allows for adjustments to program requirements for good cause.