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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 947, L.D. 1261, Bill, "An Act to Promote Abstinence in Sex Education and through Public Education"

Amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "~~§4709-A.~~" in subsection 1 in paragraph F in the last line (page 1, line 45 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "person;" the following: 'and'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "~~§4709-A.~~" in subsection 1 in paragraph G in the last line (page 1, line 48 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "; and" and inserting in its place the following: '.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "~~§4709-A.~~" in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph H (page 2, lines 1 to 3 in L.D.)

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "~~§4709-A.~~" in subsection 2 in the 4th line (page 2, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "must" and inserting in its place the following: 'may'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "~~§4709-A.~~" in subsection 2 in the 6th line (page 2, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "shall" and inserting in its place the following: 'may'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "~~§4709-A.~~" in subsection 3 in the 2nd line (page 3, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "shall" and inserting in its place the following: 'may'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated  
3 "~~§1699-B.~~" in subsection 1 in the 3rd and 4th lines (page 4,  
4 lines 30 and 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~reduce~~  
5 ~~the number of children in the State born to unwed mothers~~" and  
6 inserting in its place the following: '~~increase the number of~~  
7 ~~children in the State who choose to remain abstinent until~~  
8 ~~postsecondary school age or until marriage~~'

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

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13 **'FISCAL NOTE**

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15 The additional costs associated with curriculum development  
16 for the Department of Education and council support activities  
17 for the Department of Human Services can be absorbed by the  
18 Departments of Education and Human Services utilizing existing  
19 budgeted resources.'

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21 **SUMMARY**

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23 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing  
24 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. This amendment  
25 makes several provisions of the bill permissive rather than  
26 required; strikes the language in the bill requiring that a sex  
27 education course teach that homosexuality is not a lifestyle  
28 acceptable to the general public; and changes the purpose of the  
29 Maine Abstinence Program.

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31 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.  
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