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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*it*" to H.P. 1281, L.D. 1741, Bill, "An Act to Guarantee Girls Equal Access to Sports Teams"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**§6751.**" by striking out all of the indented paragraph (page 1, lines 11 to 15 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'The department shall establish guidelines concerning student athletes in public secondary schools. These guidelines must allow female student athletes to try out for the top baseball, basketball, football, hockey, soccer or wrestling team affiliated with a school. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The additional costs associated with establishing certain guidelines can be absorbed by the Department of Education utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1281, L.D. 1741

SUMMARY

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This amendment makes it clear that girls must be allowed to try out for a sports team affiliated with a public secondary school but are not required to be admitted to the team unless they make the team. It gives the Department of Education leeway as to the best way to determine how to ensure that talented Maine girls are not prevented from trying out for their school's best teams.

It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.