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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1284, L.D. 1747, Bill, "An Act Regarding School Funding Based on Essential Programs and Services"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

The bill requires the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to examine issues related to regional cost differentials within the school funding formula. The Legislature's proposed current services budget for the 2002-2003 biennium includes funding of \$75,000 in each fiscal year for the institute to support targeted research projects. In addition, the Governor's proposed new and expanded services budget for the 2002-2003 biennium includes funding for the State Board of Education to study regional cost adjustments, geographical isolation and completion of the "best practices" work and will involve extensive field work, consulting contracts and research services. Whether these amounts are sufficient to perform the examination of regional cost differentials as required in this bill can not be determined with certainty but appears to be the intent of the Governor's new and expanded services budget request.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.