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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 687, L.D. 1889, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Provide Adult Education and Other Support Services"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**Sec. 1. Adult remedial education services. Resolved:** That the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Labor, Division of Deafness, shall establish 5 demonstration sites to provide adult remedial education services for former students of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and the Maine School for the Deaf. The demonstration sites must be located in Portland, Lewiston, Augusta, Bangor and Caribou. The services must include classes, which must include, but may not be limited to, basic instruction in literacy, computer skills, math and independent living skills. The Division of Deafness shall assist the Department of Education in identifying people in need of the adult remedial education services; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Grant program. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall establish a grant program for the purposes of implementing these services. The department shall consider the cost of providing services at each of the demonstration sites in determining grant amounts; and be it further

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



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2 The additional costs associated with preparing the required  
report can be absorbed by the Department of Education utilizing  
existing budgeted resources.

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6 The Division of Deafness within the Department of Labor will  
incur some minor additional costs to assist the Department of  
Education in identifying people in need of the adult remedial  
8 education services. These costs can be absorbed within the  
division's existing budgeted resources.'

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12 **SUMMARY**

14 This amendment replaces the original resolve. It requires  
the Department of Education to establish 5 demonstration sites to  
16 provide adult remedial education services for former students of  
the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and the Maine School for  
18 the Deaf. The services must include classes provided by  
instructors who are fluent in American Sign Language with  
20 preference given to people who are deaf, which must include basic  
instruction in literacy, computer skills, math and independent  
22 living skills. These demonstration sites will be located in  
Portland, Lewiston, Bangor, Augusta and Caribou. The Department  
24 of Education must establish these services in consultation with  
the Department of Labor, Division of Deafness. The Division of  
26 Deafness shall also help identify people in need of the adult  
remedial education services. The Department of Education shall  
28 create a grant program to subsidize the added cost of providing  
these services. The Department of Education shall submit a  
30 preliminary report on the success of the grant program to the  
joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
32 over education matters by January 15, 2003 and a final report by  
December 15, 2003.

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36 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations  
section and a fiscal note the bill.