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STATE OF MAINE
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121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT 'A' to S.P. 707, L.D. 1861, Bill, "An Act To Require School Administrative Units To Report Their Costs for Legal, Consulting and Other Professional Services to the Department of Education"

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSa §6151, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. A, §§21 and 25, is further amended to read:

1. Duty of superintendent. The superintendent under oath shall, on or before the date established by the commissioner, make an annual report to the commissioner. The report shall must contain a full and complete return of all educational statistics required to be reported for the year ending June 30th. Beginning in fiscal year 2005-06, the report filed by the superintendent under this section must be filed in the format and within the time periods specified by the commissioner.

Sec. 2. Superintendents' annual reports; implementation of Maine Education Data Management System. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A and beginning with fiscal year 2005-06, the annual report filed by superintendents as required by Title 20-A, section 6151, subsection 1 must be filed in the format and within the time periods specified by the Commissioner of Education in order to implement the Maine Education Data Management System developed by the department for fiscal year 2005-06. It is the intent of the Legislature that the annual report filed by superintendents under Title 20-A, section 6151, subsection 1 also include a detailed report of all school administrative unit expenses for legal, consulting and other professional services in the format required

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2 by the Commissioner of Education and as defined in the most
3 recent editions of Department of Education Handbook II-R and
4 Education Form-Management-45 (EF-M-45) that are available from
the Department of Education on July 1, 2005.

6 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2005.'

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SUMMARY

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13 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing
14 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The amendment
15 strikes and replaces the bill with an amendment that clarifies
16 that, beginning in fiscal year 2005-06, the annual reports
17 submitted by school superintendents to the Commissioner of
18 Education must be filed in the format and within the time periods
19 specified by the commissioner. The amendment further provides
20 that the annual report filed by superintendents must include a
21 detailed report of all school administrative unit expenses for
22 legal, consulting and other professional services in the format
23 required by the Commissioner of Education to implement the Maine
24 Education Data Management System in fiscal year 2005-06. The
amendment also adds an effective date of July 1, 2005.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



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**An Act to Require School Administrative Units To Report Their Costs
for Legal, Consulting and Other Professional Services to the Department
of Education**

LR 2714(02)

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No fiscal impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Because school administrative units are already required to change the way annual reports are formatted by fiscal year 2005-06 in order to be able to submit them through the new Maine Education Data Management System, there will be no additional costs to the local school units to provide the required detail of expenses for legal services, consulting and other professional services. Since school administrative units are required by statute to file reports in the format and the time periods specified by the Commissioner of Education, there is no mandate.