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No. 1946

H.P. 1446

House of Representatives, March 30, 2004

An Act to Promote the Coordination of School Calendars for Career and Technical Education Students

(NEW DRAFT OF H.P. 154, L.D. 195)

(NEW TITLE)

Reported by Representative CUMMINGS of Portland from the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and printed under Joint Rule 310.4.

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Original bill sponsored by Representative McGOWAN of Pittsfield. Cosponsored by Representatives: ASH of Belfast, BROWNE of Vassalboro, DUGAY of Cherryfield, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, PELLON of Machias, TARDY of Newport, TOBIN of Dexter.

Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local
units of government to expand or modify activities so as to
necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does
not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures.
Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21,
2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined
it necessary to enact this measure.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4801, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:
2-A. Regional school calendars; plan; rules. Each school
administrative unit shall work with affiliated units, as defined
in section 8301-A, subsection 1, in its career and technical
center or school administrative units in its career and technical
region to develop and approve a regional school calendar that
aligns the school calendars of sending schools with the school
calendars of career and technical education programs in the
region. The plan for a regional school calendar must meet the
following requirements.
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A. There may not be more than 9 dissimilar instructional
days within each regional calendar.
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B. When career and technical centers or regions overlap,
there must be common calendars for each of the schools in
those overlapping areas.
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C. The authority for approving the regional school calendar
must be within the school boards of the local school
<u>administrative units.</u>
D. Regional school calendars may have provisions for
<u>waivers of the number of dissimilar days for extenuating</u>
<u>circumstances.</u>
E. Plans for regional school calendars must be approved and
implemented in time for the 2005-2006 school year.
The commissioner shall adopt rules to establish requirements for
regional school calendars. Rules adopted pursuant to this
subsection are major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5,
chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.
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This bill was reported out "Ought To Pass in New Draft" by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs as

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authorized by the Presiding Officers in accordance with Joint
Rule 310, subsection 4. The bill adds a mandate preamble. The bill requires school administrative units to develop and approve
plans for a regional school calendar by September 2005. The bill also directs the Commissioner of Education to develop major
substantive rules to implement these regional school calendars for sending schools and career and technical education programs
in the State.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)



121st Maine Legislature Office of Fiscal and Program Review

LD xxxx - New Draft of LD 195 An Act to Promote the Coordination of School Calendars for Applied Technology Education Students

> LR 0309(02) New Draft of LD 195 Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current Cost - State Mandate

State Mandate

New or Expanded ActivityUnit AffectedCostsRequiring school administrative units to develop and approve a regional plan for a
common school calendar by September 2005 is a mandate. The cost to each school
administrative unit can not be determined at this time but is not expected to be
significant.SchoolInsignificant

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education associated with rulemaking can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.