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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 354, L.D. 1037, Bill, "An Act To Authorize Exemptions for Certain Private Schools from Certain Requirements"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Authorize Exemptions for Montessori Schools from Certain Requirements'

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8301-A, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Exemption from certain requirements for accredited Montessori schools. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, a child care facility that is accredited as a Montessori school by a national or international accreditation organization may apply to the commissioner for an exemption from those requirements of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter that conflict with the recognized tenets of the Montessori philosophy.

The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §8405 is enacted to read:

§8405. Exemption from certain requirements for accredited Montessori schools

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2 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or chapter
3 1673 or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter or chapter 1673, a
4 nursery school that is accredited as a Montessori school by a
5 national or international accreditation organization may apply to
6 the commissioner for an exemption from those requirements of this
7 chapter or chapter 1673 or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter
8 or chapter 1673 that conflict with the recognized tenets of the
9 Montessori philosophy.

10 The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this
11 section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine
12 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
13 2-A.'

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SUMMARY

18 This amendment narrows the authorization for the
19 Commissioner of Health and Human Services to grant exemptions
20 from certain licensing requirements for child care facilities and
21 nursery schools to apply only to accredited Montessori schools.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 04/27/05 *MAC*

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An Act To Authorize Exemptions for Certain Private Schools from Certain Requirements

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services in implementing this bill can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.