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16	SECOND REGULAR SESSION		
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 715, L.D. 1798, Bill,	''An	
20	Act Regarding Standardized Testing in Maine"		
22	Amend the bill by incorporating the attached fiscal note.		
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26	SUMMARY		
	This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.		

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1798

LR 2644(02)

An Act Regarding Standardized Testing in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A'
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue decrease - Federal Expenditures Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation would delay the implementation of the Scholastic Aptitude Test as the statewide assessment program to measure and evaluate the academic achievement of grade 11 students until the 2006-2007 school year. The Department of Education indicates that it may not be possible to develop and administer the Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) or another alternative in the current (2005-2006) school year because of needed preparation time. If an assessment test is not administered to grade 11 students in the current school year, the State may be out of compliance with Federal requirements and Federal funds received by the State for assessment may be at risk. The State currently receives \$4.0 million in Federal funds for assessments, with approximately \$1.1 million used for testing grade 11 students.