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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Majority

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1307, L.D. 1867, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Elementary School Closing Process for School Administrative Districts and Community School Districts"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 in paragraph A in the 7th line (page 1, line 43 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "election." the following: 'The school board shall send a written notice to the parents or guardians of every student enrolled in the elementary school within 15 days of the board's decision to close the school.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. It adds a requirement that the school board of a school administrative district or community school district that has voted to close an elementary school send a written notice to the parents or guardians of every student enrolled in the elementary school within 15 days of the board's decision to close the school.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 02/27/06 *MAC*

122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Amend the Elementary School Closing Process for School Administrative Districts and Community School Districts

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

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential Net Savings to School Administrative Districts/Community School Districts

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation will have no fiscal impact on the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education. However, eliminating the requirement that a referendum vote be held in a member municipality of a school administrative district or a community school district where the school board has voted to close an elementary school unless a petition is signed by at least 10% of the eligible voters in the municipality may result in a savings of referendum costs to the district. Although these savings may be partially offset by the cost of preparing and sending the required written notice to parents and guardians of all elementary school students, it is expected that this legislation will result in a net savings to school districts.