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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 635, L.D. 836, Bill, "An Act To Enhance Special Education"

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 3 by inserting after paragraph B the following:

'B-1. Bargain collectively under Title 26, chapter 9-A if the employees of the regional sites choose to be represented by an agent for purposes of collective bargaining. In such circumstances, the state intermediate educational unit must be considered the public employer for purposes of collective bargaining;'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 3 in paragraph E in the first line (page 2, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "regional site" and inserting the following: 'regional site'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 3 in paragraph F in the 4th line (page 2, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "regional site" and inserting the following: 'regional site'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 3 in paragraph F in the 5th and 6th lines (page 2, lines 30 and 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the regional site to address the meeting of" and inserting the following: 'the regional site to address the'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 3 in paragraph G in the last line (page 2, line 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and" and inserting the following: 'and'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 3 in paragraph H in the last line (page 2, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Act." and inserting the following: 'Act; and'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 3 by inserting after paragraph H the following:

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1 'I. Enter into contracts, leases and agreements and any other instruments and
2 arrangements that are necessary, incidental or convenient to the performance of its
3 duties and the execution of its powers under this chapter.'

4 Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 5 in the last 2 lines (page 3, lines 11 and 12
5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "This subsection is repealed June 30, 2008."

6 Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 6 in the last line (page 3, line 19 in L.D.) by
7 striking out the following: "This subsection is repealed September June 30, 2007 2008."
8 and inserting the following: 'This subsection is repealed September 30, 2007.'

9 Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 7 in the last blocked paragraph (page 3, line
10 33 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "This subsection is repealed June 30, 2008."

11 Amend the bill in section 7 in subsection 8 in the last blocked paragraph in the last 2
12 lines (page 4, lines 23 and 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "This subsection is
13 repealed June 30, 2008."

14 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 8 (page 4, lines 25 to 37 in L.D.)

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment strikes the proposed repeal contained in the bill of several existing
17 statutory provisions related to the duties of the board of directors of the regional sites of
18 the Child Development Services System. The amendment is consistent with the intent of
19 the bill that proposed to extend the repeal dates established in Public Law 2005, chapter
20 662 to permit more time for the implementation of several initiatives within the early
21 childhood special education program that centralize fiscal administration, salary and
22 benefits administration and data management policies and procedures.

23 The amendment also authorizes the state intermediate educational unit to function as
24 the public employer of employees of a regional site within the early childhood special
25 education program if the employees of a regional site choose to be represented by an
26 agent for the purposes of collective bargaining. Finally, the amendment authorizes the
27 state intermediate educational unit to enter into contracts, leases or other arrangements to
28 perform its duties.

29 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
30 (See attached)



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LD 836

LR 618(02)

An Act To Enhance Special Education

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

Additional costs to the Department of Education associated with extending certain sunset dates in order to have more time to fulfill the statutory obligations to centralize the fiscal administration, salary and benefits administration and data management policies and procedures within the Child Development Services System can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.