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L.D. 1932

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to S.P. 741, L.D. 1932, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding School Funding"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

**'PART A'**

Amend the bill by inserting after section 11 the following:

**'PART B**

**Sec. B-1. Extension of deadlines.** Notwithstanding Public Law 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX or any other provision of law or rule to the contrary, a regional planning committee established in accordance with Public Law 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX may request, and the Commissioner of Education shall grant, an extension of up to 6 months on:

1. The deadline for submission of a completed proposed reorganization plan; and
2. The deadlines for any additional tasks whose deadlines are linked to the submission of the completed proposed reorganization plan.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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## SUMMARY

2        This amendment requires that, at the request of a regional planning committee, the  
3 Commissioner of Education grant an extension of up to 6 months on the deadlines for  
4 submission of a completed proposed reorganization plan and for any additional tasks  
5 whose deadlines are linked to the submission of the completed proposed reorganization  
6 plan.

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SPONSORED BY: W.P.H.

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TOWN: Bremen

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)



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LD 1932

LR 3324(23)

## An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding School Funding

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "C"

Sponsor: Rep. Pieh of Bremen

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring the Commissioner of Education to grant a request from a regional planning committee for an extension of up to six months for submission of a completed proposed reorganization plan and any related tasks may increase the total cost of K-12 public education in future biennia due to less savings being achieved versus what was anticipated in Public Law 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX. The amount can not be determined at this time and will depend on the number of extensions granted and if the extension prevents a regional school unit from being operational by July 1, 2009. Two areas which could impact future General Fund costs include special education and transportation.

Title 20-A, §15681-A, sub-§2(D) requires that school administrative units receive sufficient funds for special education to ensure that the SAU's meet the federal maintenance of effort requirement for receiving federal Individuals with Disabilities Act funds. The maintenance of effort requirement states that the total amount of state and local funds budgeted by the local education agency for expenditures in a current fiscal year for the education of children with disabilities must be at least equal to the total amount of state and local school funds actually expended for the education of children with disabilities in the most recent preceding fiscal year. Less savings being achieved versus what was anticipated in Public Law 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX may require a higher level of state and local funding in order to fulfill the maintenance of effort requirement.

Title 20-A, §15681-A, sub-§3 requires that school administrative units receive no less than 90% of the most recent year's reported net transportation expenditures. Less savings being achieved versus what was anticipated in Public Law 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX may require a higher level of funding in order to meet the statutory requirement.