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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 508, L.D. 749, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Take Measures To Assist Blind and Visually Impaired Students"

Amend the resolve by striking out sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Braille transcriber and assistant. Resolved: That, in order to ensure that blind and visually impaired students are provided with assistance from professionals trained to transcribe and produce Braille documents for students, the Department of Education, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall develop a proposal to establish standards for the credentialing of Braille transcribers and assistants. The department shall investigate the training required for Braille transcribers in other states in order to ensure comparable training for such a position; and be it further

Sec. 2. Provide for employment. Resolved: That the department may consider the employment of Braille transcribers and assistants who are receiving training in Braille as an approved special education cost; and be it further'

Amend the resolve in section 3 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Appropriations and Financial Affairs" and inserting the following: 'Education and Cultural Affairs'

SUMMARY

This amendment directs the Department of Education to establish standards for credentialing Braille transcribers and assistants and to allow employment of assistants receiving training in Braille to be considered an approved special education cost. It also corrects the committee to receive the report. The report is to be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 749

LR 1054(02)

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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 to establish the required standards and prepare the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.