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L.D. 1140

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 784, L.D. 1140, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources To Convene a Work Group To Strengthen Farm-to-school Efforts in the State"

Amend the resolve in the 3rd paragraph after the title in the 2nd line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "communities and" and inserting the following: 'communities,'

Amend the resolve in the 3rd paragraph after the title in the 3rd line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "stewardship" the following: 'and realize the goals of the State's food policy'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the first line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Education" the following: ', the Department of Health and Human Services'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting the following:

Sec. 2. Participants. Resolved: That, in conducting the review and developing recommendations, the departments shall invite the participation of the following agencies, groups and organizations:

1. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension;
2. The Maine School Food Service Association;
3. The Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association;
4. The Maine Center for Public Health;
5. The Maine Nutrition Network;
6. The Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Program Association;
7. The Healthy Maine Partnerships;
8. Healthy Oxford Hills;
9. Focus on Agriculture in Rural Maine Schools;

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

- 1 10. Maine Harvest Lunch Program;
- 2 11. Western Mountains Alliance;
- 3 12. Maine agricultural commodity groups; and
- 4 13. Other statewide organizations involved in supporting Maine agriculture, public
- 5 health, the environment and the Maine economy; and be it further
- 6 **Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That the departments, with input from and in
- 7 consultation with the participants set forth in section 2, shall:
 - 8 1. Assess the status of regional and statewide farm-to-school efforts throughout the
 - 9 State, including policies, practices and curricula;
 - 10 2. Review the existing capacities of and barriers to facilitating the purchase and use
 - 11 of local products;
 - 12 3. Review the status of networking channels that connect farm-to-school efforts
 - 13 throughout the State;
 - 14 4. Review best practices and evaluate methods from other farm-to-school programs
 - 15 outside the State; and
 - 16 5. Prepare recommendations for strengthening farm-to-school initiatives and
 - 17 programs within the State; and be it further'

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SUMMARY

19 This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education
20 and Cultural Affairs. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services along with
21 the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Rural
22 Resources to convene a work group. It removes the Department of Health and Human
23 Services from the list of participants as the department will be in a leadership role with
24 the other 2 departments. It also modifies the list of those invited to participate.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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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 Departments of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Education and Health and Human Services, and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension to convene and participate in the work group can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.