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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 10, L.D. 18, Bill, "An Act To Extend the School Year"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 by striking out all of the first 6 lines (page 1, lines 4 to 9 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'1. Number. A By the 2016-2017 school year, a school administrative unit shall make provision for the maintenance of all of its schools for at least 180 185 days a year. At least 175 days shall be used for instruction 176 days must be used for instruction in the 2012-2013 school year, and at least 177 days must be used for instruction in the 2013-2014 school year and in subsequent school years. In meeting the requirement of a 180-day 185-day school year, no more than 5 8 days may be used for in-service education of teachers, administrative meetings, parent-teacher conferences, records' days and similar activities, phased in as follows: no more than 6 days may be used for these activities by the 2014-2015 school year, no more than 7 days may be used for these activities by the 2015-2016 school year and no more than 8 days may be used for these activities by the 2016-2017 school year and in subsequent school years.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A in subparagraph (4) in division (a) in subdivision (iv) in the 2nd line (page 2, line 21 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "instruction" the following: 'beginning with the 2013-2014 school year'

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph B in the last line (page 4, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "185-day school year" and inserting the following: 'school year beginning with the 2013-2014 school year in accordance with section 4801, subsection 1'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 10, L.D. 18

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Initiative: Provides funding for the State's share of the total cost of increasing the number of school days by one instructional day in fiscal year 2012-13.

3	GENERAL FUND	2011-12	2012-13
4	All Other	\$0	\$6,242,360
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6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$6,242,360</u>
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8 **SUMMARY**

9 The bill increases the school year from 180 days to 185 days. This amendment,
10 which is the majority report of the committee, proposes to phase in the increase by
11 extending the school year by one day each year over the 5-year period between the 2012-
12 2013 school year and the 2016-2017 school year. The amendment also strikes the
13 provision in the bill that prohibits counting a day when students are released early as a
14 teacher in-service day. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

15 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

16 (See attached)



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 18

LR 191(02)

An Act To Extend the School Year

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

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$6,242,360	\$12,699,456	\$16,147,359
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$6,242,360	\$12,699,456	\$16,147,359

State Mandates

Required Activity

Increases the number of days in the school year from 180 days to 185 days by extending the school year by one day per year over the five year period between the 2012-13 school year and the 2016-17 school year.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

Significant statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Extending the school year from 180 days to 185 days by increasing the number of days by 1 day per year over the 5 year period between the 2012-13 school year and the 2016-17 school year is estimated to increase the total state and local cost of K-12 public education by \$11,349,745 in fiscal year 2012-13, \$23,089,920 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$29,358,834 in fiscal year 2014-15. The General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$6,242,360 in fiscal year 2012-13, \$12,699,456 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$16,147,359 in fiscal year 2014-15 to fund the State's required 55% share. These amounts are reflected in the suggested appropriations above.

In order to fully fund 90% of the additional cost of increasing the number of days in a school year by 5 days, the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$10,214,770 in fiscal year 2012-13, \$20,780,928 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$26,422,950 in fiscal year 2014-15. These amounts are not reflected in the suggested appropriations above as the option exists to add the exempting mandate preamble.

	Fiscal Year 2012-13	Fiscal Year 2013-14	Fiscal Year 2014-15
State and Local expenditures ¹	\$ 2,042,954,033	\$ 2,078,092,842	\$ 2,113,836,039
Current number of school days	180	180	180
Estimated expenditures per instructional day	\$ 11,349,745	\$ 11,544,960	\$ 11,743,534
Estimated expenditures per teacher in-service day (50.84%)	\$ 5,769,923	\$ 5,772,480	\$ 5,871,767
Proposed increase in number of instructional days	1	2	2
Proposed increase in number of teacher in-service days	0	0	1
Increase to total cost of K-12 Education (instructional days)	\$ 11,349,745	\$ 23,089,920	\$ 23,487,067
Increase to total cost of K-12 Education (in-service days)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,871,767
Transition %	100%	100%	100%
Total cost adjusted for transition %	\$ 11,349,745	\$ 23,089,920	\$ 29,358,834
State share (%)	55%	55%	55%
State share (\$)	\$ 6,242,360	\$ 12,699,456	\$ 16,147,359
Local share (\$)	\$ 5,107,385	\$ 10,390,464	\$ 13,211,475
Total General Fund cost to fund 90% of requirement	\$ 10,214,770	\$ 20,780,928	\$ 26,422,951
Additional GF appropriation required	\$ 3,972,411	\$ 8,081,472	\$ 10,275,592
Local share @ 10%	\$ 1,134,974	\$ 2,308,992	\$ 2,935,883

Notes:

¹ Based on fiscal year 2009-10 actual expenditures, excluding debt service, increased by Real Personal Income growth of 1.72% per year per Title 20-A, §15671.