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L.D. 765

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 572,
9 L.D. 765, Bill, "An Act To Address the Documented Educational and Rehabilitation
10 Needs of Persons Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired"

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Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 1 to 3 and inserting the
12 following:

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'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1418-D, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 560, Pt. F, §13, is
14 amended to read:

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2. Department of Education input; school administrative units. The division shall ensure that the Department of Education has input into any contract to provide educational services and delivery of those services to blind or visually impaired children from birth to 20 years of age. Educational services for blind or visually impaired children from birth to 20 years of age are an entitlement mandated by federal law and, as such, children will receive priority for all services provided by the division. Nothing in this
16 section relieves school administrative units from fulfilling their responsibilities under
17 Title 20-A, Part 4, subpart 1.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the committee amendment and directs the Department of
25 Labor, Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Department of Education to
26 work together to develop contracts to provide educational services and clarifies that
27 educational services for blind and visually impaired children from birth to 20 years of age
28 are an entitlement mandated by federal law and, as such, children will receive priority for
29 all services provided by the division.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

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SPONSORED BY: Richard D. Rosen

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(Senator ROSEN, R.)

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COUNTY: Hancock

SENATE AMENDMENT



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 765

LR 754(06)

An Act To Address the Documented Educational and Rehabilitation Needs of Persons Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B" **S-595**

Sponsor: Sen. Rosen of Hancock

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$438,263)	(\$440,932)	(\$445,962)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$13,963)	(\$438,263)	(\$440,932)	(\$445,962)
Federal Expenditures Fund	(\$46,065)	(\$37,657)	(\$38,977)	(\$40,172)
Transfers				
General Fund	(\$13,963)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment removes the General Fund appropriations and Federal Expenditures Fund allocations from the bill. As amended, any additional costs to the Department of Labor, the Division of the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Department of Education to work together to develop the required contracts can be absorbed within each agency's existing budgeted resources.