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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 439,  
L.D. 1422, Bill, "An Act To Prepare Maine People for the Future Economy"

Amend the amendment by striking out the first 7 lines after the title (page 1, lines 11 to 17 in amendment)

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 20-A MRS §2651, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Transition to standards-based education system. During the period of transition to proficiency-based graduation by January 1, 2017 in accordance with section 4722-A, the department shall make annual transition grants to each school administrative unit equal to 1/10 of 1% of the school administrative unit's total cost of education calculated under section 15688, subsection 1 to be used in the manner determined by the school administrative unit to fund the costs of the transition not otherwise subsidized by the State.'

Amend the amendment in section 7 in §4722-A by adding after subsection 3 the following:

'4. Contingent extension of full implementation. The date for implementation of the award of diplomas based on student demonstration of proficiency as described in this section is extended one year for each year for which transition grants are not made available to a school administrative unit as provided under section 2651, subsection 6.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Department of Education to make annual grants from the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services to school administrative units to fund the costs of transition by January 1, 2017 to proficiency-based graduation standards for the award of high school diplomas. The grants are equal to 1/10 of 1% of a

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1 school administrative unit's total cost of education. The amendment also extends the date  
2 for implementation of the new system by one year for each year in which transition grants  
3 are not made.

4 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

5 (See attached)

6 SPONSORED BY: 

7 (Representative BERRY)

8 TOWN: Bowdoinham



Approved: 03/29/12 *MAC*

# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1422

LR 1901(05)

**An Act To Prepare Maine People for the Future Economy**

**Fiscal Note for House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A"**

**Sponsor: Rep. Berry of Bowdoinham**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Contingent State Mandate - Funded

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Delaying the date that local school administrative units (SAU's) must implement a new standards-based system for awarding high school diplomas based on student demonstration of proficiency by one year for each year that transition grants are not provided delays the State Mandate.

This amendment removes the Mandate Preamble for the Committee Amendment which had exempted the State from the requirement to fund 90% of the required activities. Instead it provides a mechanism to fund those activities by requiring the Department of Education to provide grants to SAU's from the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services, established pursuant to 20-A, MRSA §2651, equal to 1/10 of 1% of a SAU's total cost of education to fund the cost of transitioning by January 1, 2017 to a standards-based system of education. Currently there are no monies in the Fund and no provisions in statute to direct monies to the Fund.