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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 496,
L.D. 1553, Bill, "An Act To Create a Public Charter School Program in Maine"

Amend the amendment in section 5 in §2404 in subsection 2 by striking out all of
paragraph I (page 5, lines 32 to 34 in amendment)

Amend the amendment in section 5 in §2404 in subsection 2 by relettering the
paragraphs to read consecutively.

Amend the amendment in section 5 in §2405 in subsection 1 in paragraph B in the
first line (page 6; line 8 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "8" the
following: 'with the approval of the local school boards of school administrative units
within which a public charter school will operate'

Amend the amendment in section 5 in §2405 in subsection 9 in the 6th line (page 9,
line 2 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "boards," the following: 'An
authorizer may not approve more than 3 public charter schools.'

Amend the amendment in section 5 in §2411 in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 16,
line 39 in amendment) by striking out the following: "15" and inserting the following:
'10'

Amend the amendment in section 5 in §2411 in subsection 2 by inserting after the
first sentence a new sentence to read: 'A charter for a school that is performing
inadequately may not be renewed for a period longer than 5 years.'

Amend the amendment in section 5 in §2411 in subsection 3 in the 2nd line (page 17,
line 6 in amendment) by striking out the following: "4th" and inserting the following:
'3rd'

Amend the amendment in section 5 in §2411 in subsection 6 in paragraph A in the
first line (page 18, line 4 in amendment) by striking out the following: "may" and
inserting the following: 'must'

Amend the amendment in section 5 in §2412 in subsection 1 in paragraph B in the
first line (page 19, line 3 in amendment) by striking out the following: "one or more" and
inserting the following: 'up to 3'

Amend the amendment in section 5 in §2412 in subsection 1 in paragraph C in the first line (page 19, line 6 in amendment) by striking out the following: "one or more" and inserting the following: 'up to 3'

Amend the amendment in section 5 in §2412 in subsection 6 in paragraph C in subparagraph (3) in the first 3 lines (page 21, lines 37 to 39 in amendment) by striking out the first sentence.

SUMMARY

This amendment does the following.

1. It deletes provisions relating to enrollment preference for children of a public charter school's founder, governing board member or full-time employee.

2. It provides that public charter schools authorized by the State Charter School Commission must be approved by local school boards.

3. It provides that an authorizer may not approve more than 3 public charter schools.

4. It provides that renewal terms may not exceed 10 years or 5 years if the school is not performing adequately.

5. It requires performance reports to be issued in the 3rd year of operation rather than the 4th year.

6. It requires, rather than authorizes, the revocation of a charter under conditions specified in the committee amendment.

7. It limits a charter contract to 3 schools.

8. It deletes a requirement that teachers employed by a public charter school may not be required to be part of a collective bargaining agreement between a school administrative unit and its employees.

9. It limits a single authorizing entity to 3 charter contracts.

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