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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1308, L.D. 1783, "Resolve, Regarding
Legislative Review of Chapter 140: Public Charter Schools, a Major Substantive Rule of
the Department of Education"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of Chapter 140: Public Charter
Schools, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Education
that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized only if the rule is amended as
follows:

1. By changing the name of the application form to reflect that it is a student
information form;

2. By clarifying that public charter schools have to transfer student records to public
noncharter schools in a timely manner;

3. By clarifying that when a public noncharter school that is the only public school
option for students in the school administrative unit chooses to convert to a public charter
school, town approval is determined by referendum;

4. By clarifying that when the department is determining the 5% or 10% enrollment
limits, it excludes from the base enrollment previously enrolled students in the public
charter school;

5. By conforming transportation funding and gifted and talented funding descriptions
to reflect changes in the law; and

6. By adding a plan for the provision of special education services to the charter
school application process.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment addresses technical and substantive changes to the proposed major

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substantive rule Chapter 140: Public Charter Schools in the areas of application,

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procedures for conversion and enrollment, transfer of records and funding.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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Approved: 03/08/12 *MAC*

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Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 140: Public Charter Schools, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-759)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education associated with the legislative review of Chapter 140: Public Charter Schools can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.