

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

Minority

5110
R O F S

L.D. 481

Date: 6/10/13

Minority

(Filing No. H-438)

2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 331, L.D. 481, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Virtual Public Charter Schools"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Review the Laws Governing the Funding of Virtual Public Charter Schools'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Per-pupil allocation for students enrolled in virtual public charter schools. Resolved: That the Department of Education, in consultation with the Maine Charter School Commission, shall review the funding provisions established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 2413 related to determining the per-pupil allocation amount necessary for the costs of operating virtual public charter schools and validating the appropriate amount of funding for operating costs that should be provided for students enrolled in virtual public charter schools. The Commissioner of Education shall submit a report, including findings and recommendations, on the review of the operating costs and appropriate per-pupil funding amount for students enrolled in virtual public charter schools to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 10, 2014. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, strikes the bill and replaces it with a resolve that directs the Department of Education, in consultation with the Maine Charter School Commission, to review funding provisions related to determining the per-pupil allocation amount necessary for the costs of operating virtual public charter schools and validating the appropriate amount of operating costs that should be provided for students enrolled in virtual public charter schools and report the results of its review to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs,

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

R O F S

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "**B**" to H.P. 331, L.D. 481

1
2
3
4

which is authorized to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 481

LR 406(03)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Virtual Public Charter Schools

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

BCH-438

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Education and the Maine Charter School Commission may need to contract with an outside entity to conduct the required review in order to determine the appropriate amount of per-pupil allocation that should be provided for students enrolled in virtual charter schools. According to the Department of Education, outside resources may be needed because neither the department nor the commission has the capacity, in staff resources or expertise, to gather and analyze the data necessary to make the required recommendations. The cost to the department and its ability to absorb those costs without impacting other programs and services can not be determined at this time.