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L.D. 666  
(Filing No. H-217)

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 458, L.D. 666, Bill, "An Act To Limit the Amount a School Administrative Unit May Spend without Voter Approval"

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

**'Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Survey Maine Schools on the Costs and Benefits of Contracting for Energy Conservation Improvements'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Department of Education to convene working group. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall convene a working group to study the opportunities and challenges presented to school administrative units with respect to implementing energy savings programs and entering into agreements for energy conservation improvements for public schools in the State. The working group shall conduct a survey of school boards and superintendents in the State and evaluate the costs and benefits of energy savings programs established by school boards, including agreements entered into by school administrative units in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15915. The working group shall request that school boards and superintendents provide copies of school administrative units' agreements for energy conservation improvements and financial information related to such agreements or other energy savings programs. The working group shall also consider other options available to school boards that can reduce the costs and increase the benefits of energy savings programs and energy conservation improvements; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Working group; report. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Education shall seek to include in the working group under section 1 state agency officials, school board members, superintendents, school budget managers, energy efficiency specialists and other persons, groups or entities that have an interest in energy savings programs and energy conservation improvements in public schools in the State. The Commissioner of Education shall invite to serve as members of the working group representatives of the following state agencies and educational associations, who are appointed by their respective agencies or associations:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act To Limit the Amount a School Administrative Unit May Spend without Voter Approval**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment**

**Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

*A (H-217)*

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## Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The ability of the Department of Education to convene the required working group and conduct the required study within existing budgeted resources without impacting other existing programs and services provided by the department can not be determined at this time. The costs to the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Efficiency Maine Trust are expected to be minor.