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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. This amendment authorizes agricultural studies to be taught in and infused or integrated into the curriculum of elementary and secondary schools, both public and private. Agricultural studies may address, but need not be limited to, the importance of agriculture in the State's history and development, the connections between the farm and daily life, the economics of agriculture and its importance to the State's economy, the importance of knowing where food comes from and the ecology of growing food and the importance of eating healthy food and its role in combating childhood obesity.

This amendment also directs that, to the extent existing resources allow, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Council implement outreach efforts to ensure that schools and teachers are aware of the educational materials, resources and training relating to agricultural studies available pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, chapter 8-D.

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A''(H-88) 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 implementing the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.