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7 126TH LEGISLATURE

8 FIRST REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 267, L.D. 729, Bill, "An Act To Allow
10 Charter Schools To Request Waivers from Certain Requirements"

11 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the
12 summary and inserting the following:

13 'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2412, sub-§5, ¶I is enacted to read:

14 I. Except as provided in subparagraph (2), the commissioner may grant a public
15 charter school a waiver of one or more requirements applicable to the public charter
16 school upon receipt of an application from the public charter school that includes the
17 basis for the waiver request and a plan to reduce reliance on waivers in subsequent
18 years. A public charter school may submit an application for a waiver to the
19 commissioner only upon receiving prior approval from the public charter school's
20 authorizer of the same waiver request.

21 (1) Financial hardship is one criterion the commissioner must consider in
22 determining whether to grant a waiver to the public charter school.

23 (2) A public charter school may not apply to the commissioner for a waiver of
24 any of the following requirements:

25 (a) Civil rights and health and safety requirements as described in paragraph
26 A;

27 (b) Student assessment and accountability requirements as described in
28 paragraph B;

29 (c) Conflict of interest and public records and proceedings requirements as
30 described in paragraph C;

31 (d) Criminal history record checks and fingerprinting requirements as
32 described in paragraph F; and

33 (e) Special education requirements as described in paragraph G.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LR 1303(02)

An Act To Allow Charter Schools To Request Waivers from Certain Requirements

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education associated with the waiver process can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.