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8 HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 390,
9 L.D. 1129, Bill, "An Act To Promote Innovation in Public Schools"

10 Amend the amendment by striking out the first 2 lines after the title (page 1, lines 11
11 and 12 in amendment).

12 Amend the amendment by striking out the preamble and sections 1 to 3 and inserting
13 the following:

14 'Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

15 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §254, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is
16 amended to read:

17 4. **Statewide conference.** Annually the commissioner shall hold a conference for
18 ~~the instruction of school board members, superintendents, school administrators,~~
19 ~~educators and others, in order to share best practices and to showcase innovative~~
20 ~~approaches to teaching and learning. Materials from the conference must be posted on~~
21 ~~the department's publicly accessible website.~~

22 Sec. 2. **Deeper learning models.** By October 3, 2013, the Department of
23 Education shall post on its publicly accessible website examples of deeper learning
24 educational models and resources that can enable school administrative units to transition
25 to a standards-based system of education that includes proficiency-based standards for
26 awarding a high school diploma. The deeper learning models posted on the department's
27 website must exemplify best practices in the State's schools, as well as schools in other
28 states and jurisdictions, that represent effective strategies implemented by educators to
29 convey the skills, knowledge and competencies that students need to succeed in the 21st
30 century, including the ability to master academic content, think critically and solve
31 complex problems, work collaboratively, communicate effectively and learn how to
32 learn.

33 Sec. 3. **Statewide conference; 2014 to 2018.** This section applies to the
34 statewide conferences required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A,
35 section 254, subsection 4 that are held from 2014 to 2018.

36 1. The Department of Education shall lead the statewide conference for 2014 no later
37 than June 20, 2014.

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2. The department shall use the statewide conferences to enable deeper learning organizations to showcase their learning models.

3. The department shall use the conferences to encourage school districts to work with the department to showcase their innovations and strategies.

4. The department and supporting organizations and teacher preparation programs shall share strategies on how to transition and implement standards-based learning to include experiential learning, Asia Society's Partnership for Global Learning, customized learning, expanded educational opportunities and any other standards-based models.

Sec. 4. Teleconferences. The Department of Education shall create a series of teleconferences to be held between October 20, 2013 and June 20, 2014, and annually thereafter until 2018, to support standards-based learning strategies, promote implementation of standards-based learning models and provide resources to public schools across the State.'

SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Commissioner of Education to hold an annual conference for school board members, superintendents, school administrators, educators and others, in order to share best practices and showcase innovative approaches to teaching and learning and post materials from the conference on the department's publicly accessible website.

The Department of Education is required to hold the statewide conferences from 2014 to 2018 about standards-based or deeper learning models. The amendment also directs the Department of Education to post on its publicly accessible website exemplary models and best practices of deeper learning educational models and resources that can enable school administrative units to transition to a standards-based system of education that includes proficiency-based standards for awarding a high school diploma. In addition, the department is required to hold a series of teleconferences between October 20, 2013 and June 20, 2014 that will provide support for school systems throughout the State as they implement standards-based learning or deeper learning models.

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