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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1085, L.D. 1510, Bill, "An Act To Ensure Statewide School Accountability and Improvement"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 4 and 5.

Amend the bill in section 6 in §6210 in the indented paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "The" and inserting the following: 'The In accordance with rules established pursuant to section 6211, the'

Amend the bill in section 7 in §6210-A by inserting after subsection 4 a new subsection to read:

'5. Appeal of withdrawal of basic school approval. Within 30 days after the date of the decision by the department to withdraw basic school approval as set forth in subsection 4, a school administrative unit may appeal the decision to the state board. The state board shall review the decision made under subsection 4 in accordance with the implementation and comprehensive review process set forth in section 4504, subsections 1 and 2. The state board decision is final and binding on the school administrative unit.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, amends the bill to make the following changes.

1. It removes the provisions that provide school choice for students whose school loses basic school approval.

2. It inserts a reference in the school assistance provisions amended by the bill to the provision that authorizes the Commissioner of Education to develop major substantive rules to implement the purposes of the laws regarding standards and assessment of student performance in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 222.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 3. It provides that a school administrative unit may file an appeal to the State Board
2 of Education of a decision by the Department of Education to withdraw basic school
3 approval due to the failure of the school administrative unit to participate in the
4 development or implementation of a school improvement plan.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 1510

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An Act To Ensure Statewide School Accountability and Improvement

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-558)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires local school administrative units identified by the Department of Education as needing assistance to improve student achievement to develop and implement a school improvement plan.	School	Significant statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Governor's proposed budget for the 2014-2015 biennium, LD 1509, includes language that would authorize the Commissioner of Education to expend and disburse funds to support school improvement activities. Information provided by the Department of Education indicates that \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2013-14 and fiscal year 2014-15 will be allocated for this initiative if approved by the Legislature. This funding would be used both to expand school improvement support capacity within the department and to provide grants to local school administrative units to implement school improvement plans.

Additional costs to the Department of Education and the State Board of Education associated with the rulemaking and appeals process can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.