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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**126TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 703, L.D. 1769, Bill, "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Report Defining Cost Responsibility for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Students Receiving Services from the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf"

Amend the bill in section 3 in §7405-A by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 1, lines 22 to 36 and page 2, lines 1 to 3 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'1. Placement. The school administrative unit in which a deaf or hard-of-hearing student resides is responsible for providing a free, appropriate public education pursuant to chapter 301 for a student placed in the center school or in one of the satellite school programs. An individualized education program team for a school administrative unit in which a deaf or hard-of-hearing student resides is responsible for the placement decision of that student and, when the center school or one of the satellite school programs is being considered as a placement for the student, shall invite a representative of the center school or the satellite school to attend the individualized education program team meeting at which this placement is being considered. The Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is responsible for the sums necessary to ensure that the services required to meet the individualized education program for each student placed in the center school or in one of the satellite school programs are provided, including:

A. The cost of tuition; and

B. The costs of transportation and other related services as defined by section 7001, subsection 4-B, including the following related services:

(1) Speech-language therapy;

(2) Audiology in conjunction with the student's primary audiologist;

(3) Occupational therapy;

(4) Transportation;

(5) Interpreting services;

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**





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LD 1769

LR 2735(02)

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**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-479)**

**Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Governor Baxter School for the Deaf (MECDHH/GBSD) estimates that the requirements in this legislation will increase costs to the school by approximately \$360,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2015-16. State funding for the MECDHH/GBSD is included in the annual General Fund appropriation for the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education as part of the miscellaneous costs and adjustments. The department has indicated that it will include funding for the additional costs associated with this legislation in its budget beginning in fiscal year 2015-16. Unless additional General Fund support is provided to the miscellaneous costs and adjustments category beginning in fiscal year 2015-16, other line items within that category may need to be reduced in order to support the increased funding to the MECDHH/GBSD.