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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 587, L.D. 853, Bill, "An Act To Allow Secondary Schools To Grant Certificates of Academic Proficiency"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 1, lines 3 to 12 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'5. Certificates of content area proficiency. A school administrative unit may award a certificate of content area proficiency to a student for each content area in the system of learning results established under section 6209 in which the student has demonstrated proficiency. A certificate of content area proficiency may be included in the student's permanent academic transcript, and a student may use a certificate of content area proficiency as an official credential of academic achievement for the purposes of employment and postsecondary education. If a school administrative unit awards certificates of content area proficiency, it shall report its issuance of certificates of content area proficiency to the department, and the department shall collect and aggregate these data as evidence of intermediate progress towards high school graduation goals.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, provides that if a school administrative unit awards a certificate of content area proficiency to a student who demonstrates proficiency in a particular content area of the system of learning results, the school administrative unit is required to report its issuance of certificates of content area proficiency to the Department of Education.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 06/02/15 *mac*

127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 853

LR 922(02)

An Act To Allow Secondary Schools To Grant Certificates of Academic Proficiency

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-294)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation requires the Department of Education to collect and aggregate data regarding the issuance of certificates of content area proficiency. The Department of Education has indicated that the funding to support the data collection costs associated with this requirement is included in LD 1019, the Governor's proposed 2016-2017 biennial budget. Therefore, no General Fund appropriations are needed. If, however, the funding for the department's data collection efforts is not included as part of the final actions of the Legislature on the 2016-2017 biennial budget, this fiscal note may need to be adjusted.