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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 873, L.D. 1277, Bill, "An Act To Establish a Magnet School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering"

Amend the bill in section 4 by inserting after §8237 the following:

§8238. Implementation; limited authorization

The school may implement the plan established for the statewide education programs pursuant to section 8236, subsection 2 during the 2017-2018 school year.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all powers, duties and authority of the school under this chapter and under any other law terminate 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

'Sec. 9. Report. By December 1, 2018, the Board of Trustees of the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering shall provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs on the commencement and operations of the school, including the number of students enrolled and the status of the school budget. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters may report out a bill relating to the school to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature, which may include but is not limited to a repeal of the provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 8238 that terminates the powers, duties and authority of the school 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.'

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

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 873, L.D. 1277

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that:

1. The Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering may implement the plan established for operating the magnet school pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 8236, subsection 2 during the 2017-2018 school year;

2. All powers, duties and authority of the school cease 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature; and

3. The school's board of trustees is required to provide a report to the Legislature by December 1, 2018 on the commencement and operations of the school. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters may report out a bill relating to the school to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature, which may include but is not limited to a repeal of the provision of law that terminates the powers, duties and authority of the school 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 06/04/15 *mac*

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An Act To Establish a Magnet School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-314)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation establishes the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering as a public, residential school to be located in the Town of Searsport effective with the 2017-2018 school year. The provisions in this bill that allow students from the State to attend the school free of tuition charges and for the State to pay the difference between the cost of room and board and the student's ability to pay that cost will increase General Fund costs to the State beginning in fiscal year 2017-18. The amount can not be determined at this time and will depend on the cost of tuition, the number of Maine students admitted to the school and the student's ability to pay for room and board. The requirement that the powers, duties and authority of the school cease 90 days after adjournment of the 1st Regular Session of the 129th Legislature unless legislative action is taken may limit the General Fund cost of this legislation to 2 years.

This legislation also authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering to borrow funds, issue bonds and negotiate notes and other evidences of indebtedness or obligations of the school for renovation and construction purposes but provides that the bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness are not debts of the State and do not pledge the credit of the State.

Additional costs to the Department of Education and the University of Maine System to serve on the board of trustees can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.