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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
128TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 354, L.D. 491, Bill, "An Act To Extend the Allowed Time for the Interchange of Government Employees"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Extend the Allowed Time for the Interchange of Educators between School Administrative Units and the Department of Education'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3003, last ¶,** as enacted by PL 1967, c. 266, is amended to read:

~~The~~ Except as provided in section 3003-A, the period of individual assignment or detail under an interchange program shall may not exceed 12 months, nor shall may any person be assigned or detailed for more than 12 months during any 36-month period. Details relating to any matter covered in this chapter may be the subject of an agreement between the sending and receiving agencies. Elected officials shall may not be assigned from a sending agency nor detailed to a receiving agency.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3003-A** is enacted to read:

**§3003-A. Educator interchange program; period of assignment**

The period of an individual assignment of an educator under an interchange program, authorized under section 3003, between the educator's school administrative unit as the sending agency and the Department of Education as the receiving agency may not exceed 24 months nor may any educator be assigned under such an interchange program for more than 24 months during any 36-month period. For the purposes of this section, "educator" means a teacher, principal or other education professional employed by a school administrative unit.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment changes the title and replaces the bill. The amendment provides for a maximum period of an employee interchange assignment of 24 months in any 36-month period for an educator participating in an interchange program between the educator's school administrative unit and the Department of Education. The amendment creates an exception to the provision of law governing interchange programs, which establishes a maximum period of 12 months in any 36-month period.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 491

LR 1248(02)

An Act To Extend the Allowed Time for the Interchange of Government Employees

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-65)  
Committee: State and Local Government  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - Workers' Compensation Management Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Increasing the maximum period of time that educators may participate in an interchange program with the Department of Education extends the length of time that the State may be held responsible if an educator participating in the program experiences a personal injury that results in a disability or death. The impact to the State's Workers' Compensation Management Fund will depend on actual experience.