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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 370, L.D. 513, Bill, "An Act To Limit the Number of Students and Prevent the Addition of Grade Levels at Virtual Public Charter Schools"

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

'An Act To Limit the Number of Students at Virtual Public Charter Schools'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2404, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Maximum virtual public charter school enrollment. The total enrollment at all virtual public charter schools authorized by the commission may not exceed 1,200 students.'

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 committee, limits the total enrollment at all virtual public charter schools authorized by the Maine Charter School Commission to 1,200 students. The amendment also removes the provision in the bill that prohibited a virtual public charter school from expanding to serve a grade level not included in the school's initial charter or renewed charter contract.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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LD 513

LR 975(03)

An Act To Limit the Number of Students and Prevent the Addition of Grade Levels at Virtual Public Charter Schools

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *B" (H-240)*

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No state fiscal impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Limiting the total enrollment at all authorized virtual public charter schools to 1,200 students will not affect the total cost of public education from kindergarten to grade 12 or the State's share of that cost. Additionally, this legislation will not impact the distribution of state subsidy to local school administrative units and public charter schools until the enrollment cap is reached and only if the student who would have enrolled in a virtual charter school if the cap had not been in place opts to enroll in a public high school instead of another charter school. Currently there are approximately 800 students enrolled at authorized virtual public charter schools in the State.