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L.D. 325

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Majority

3 EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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5 STATE OF MAINE

6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

7 130TH LEGISLATURE

8 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 229, L.D. 325, "An Act To Expand the
10 Definition of "Education Disruption" To Include States of Emergency That Limit Students'
11 Access to On-site Education for Longer Than 15 School Days"

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

13 'An Act To Allow Students Who Experienced Significant Education Interruption as
14 a Result of the COVID-19 Pandemic To Be Eligible for a Department of Education
15 Diploma'

16 Amend the bill by striking out all of the 3rd and 4th paragraphs after the title and
17 inserting the following:

18 'Whereas, this legislation allows students who have had limited access to on-site
19 education to become eligible for a Department of Education diploma if that student cannot
20 meet the additional requirements necessary for a local diploma; and

21 'Whereas, this legislation is necessary to support students who are currently in their 4th
22 year of secondary school with anticipated graduation in May 2021; and'

23 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the
24 emergency clause and inserting the following:

25 'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §257-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

26 1-A. Eligibility for students impacted by COVID-19 pandemic. Notwithstanding
27 the eligibility requirements in subsection 1, a student is eligible to apply for a Department
28 of Education diploma if that student is a 4th year secondary school student and is unable to
29 satisfy the requirements for a diploma from a school administrative unit because the student
30 experienced a significant interruption to the student's education as a result of the COVID-19
31 pandemic and civil emergency during the student's secondary school education history.

32 This subsection is repealed September 1, 2023.'

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment provides that until September 1, 2023, a 4th-year student is eligible to apply for a Department of Education diploma if the student is unable to satisfy the requirements for a diploma from a school administrative unit because the student experienced a significant interruption to the student's education as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and civil emergency during the student's secondary school education history.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



Approved: 03/04/21 *mac*

130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 325

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An Act To Expand the Definition of "Education Disruption" To Include States of Emergency That Limit Students' Access to On-site Education for Longer Than 15 School Days

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-72)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education to implement the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.