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Report 'C'

LD 678

(Filing No H-678)

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to HP 447, LD 678, "An Act to Require Parental Approval for Public School Employees to Use a Name or Pronoun Other than a Child's Given Name or Pronoun Corresponding to the Gender on the Child's Birth Certificate"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following
'An Act to Require Parental Approval for Public School Employees to Use a Name, Nickname or Pronoun Other than a Name, Nickname or Pronoun Indicated on a Student's Enrollment Form'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §6002-A by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 8 to 14 in LD) and inserting the following:

- 2. Prohibitions.** A public school employee may not
 - A Use a name to address or refer to a student under 18 years of age that does not match the name or a nickname listed on the student's enrollment form without written permission from the student's parent or legal guardian allowing public school employees to use a name the student prefers, or
 - B Use a pronoun to address or refer to a student under 18 years of age unless that pronoun corresponds to the gender listed on the student's enrollment form without written permission from the student's parent or legal guardian allowing public school employees to use a pronoun the student prefers '

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

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the bill to allow a public school employee to only address a student using a name, nickname or pronoun listed on the student's enrollment form unless the student is 18 years of age or older or the student's parent or legal guardian provides

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1 written permission allowing public school employees to use a name, nickname or pronoun
2 the student prefers

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)



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LR 804(03)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-678)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase – General Fund

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Minor revenue increase – General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system. The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional filing fees will increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The prohibition in this bill may increase complaints filed with the Maine Human Rights Commission and may increase litigation under the Maine Human Rights Act. To the extent complaints increase, the Commission may incur costs associated with intake and investigation. To the extent that litigation occurs, the Maine Human Rights Commission, the Department of Education, the Office of the Attorney General and school administrative units may incur additional costs for legal and other services.