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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 982, LD 1527, "An Act to Promote the
10 Community School Program"

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Amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following

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'Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §9923, as amended by PL 2019, c 434, §1, is further amended
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§9923. Designation of community schools

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The department is authorized to designate 3 community schools established in
16 accordance with this chapter beginning in the 2016-2017 school year For the 2020-2021
17 school year, the department is authorized to designate 5 community schools established in
18 accordance with this chapter ~~Beginning in~~ For the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school year
19 years, the department may biannually designate 10 additional community schools
20 established in accordance with this chapter Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, the
21 department may biannually designate additional community schools established in
22 accordance with this chapter The department shall annually inform school administrative
23 units of the application process and deadlines and make that information and appropriate
24 forms available on its publicly accessible website The commissioner shall provide state
25 funding to the school administrative units in which the designated community schools are
26 located and may employ a state community school coordinator to implement this
27 designation program '

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, provides that beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, there is no cap on the number of community schools that the Department of Education may designate biannually

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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An Act to Promote the Community School Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-268)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

| | FY 2023-24 | FY 2024-25 | Projections FY 2025-26 | Projections FY 2026-27 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| General Fund | \$2,000,000 | \$2,000,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Appropriations/Allocations | | | | |
| General Fund | \$2,000,000 | \$2,000,000 | \$0 | \$0 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes one-time General Fund appropriations of \$2,000,000 in both fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education for grants to public elementary and secondary schools to expand the community school program

Funding for community schools is included in the targeted education funds component of the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12 pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 25. The amount appropriated here for fiscal year 2023-24 will be added to the amount already designated for community schools in Public Law 2023, chapter 17, Part C.