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LD 1791 / SP0701

An Act to Initiate Education Reform in Maine. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). Presented by Senator AMERO of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro and Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, KIEFFER of Aroostook, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: BARTH of Bethel, BENEDIKT of Brunswick, BIGL of Bucksport, CAMERON of Rumford, DAMREN of Belgrade, DORE of Auburn, GIERINGER of Portland, GOOLEY of Farmington, HICHBORN of Lagrange, JOSEPH of Waterville, LIBBY of Kennebunk, LIBBY of Buxton, LOVETT of Scarborough, McELROY of Unity, MURPHY of Berwick, O'GARA of Westbrook, POIRIER of Saco, RICE of South Bristol, TUFTS of Stockton Springs. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Public Hearing 02/28/96. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 04/01/96. Amended by: CA S-549, SG/CA S-600. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 04/10/96, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 649.

Original Bill

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Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law

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Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

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[Amendment SB/CA \(S-565\) \(LD 1791 1996\)](#)

[Amendment HC/CA \(H-921\) \(LD 1791 1996\)](#)

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