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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 1363

ND: 371

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROJECT TO PROVIDE LIAISON TO FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES

KANY
HICHENS
MATTHEWS Z
MCGOWAN

HOUSE Indef. PP
SENATE Indef. PP
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill would have provided for up to 3 liaison positions within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to be staffed by appropriately trained or experienced parents of exceptional children. The liaisons would act as a link between the professional administrators, teachers and advocates and the parents. They would be responsible for working with parents to help them understand their rights, the various laws and regulations affecting them and the network of services available to their child. At least one of the 3 liaisons would be the parent of a hearing impaired child. The bill would also have required the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services to set up a series of support programs at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to provide services to students at the school and to the deaf community and their families throughout the State. The family liaison who is the parent of a hearing impaired child would advise the commissioner in implementing the support programs. The bill would have been implemented on a pilot project basis.

The new draft provided for one family liaison within the department to be contracted for by the commissioner. The new draft initially passed both houses but was not funded.

LD: 1375

AN ACT TO REQUIRE TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL PER STUDENT COSTS TO A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

LANDER
PRAY

LV-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill would have allowed schools which accept secondary school tuition students to charge the school unit where the student lives the full cost of educating the student in the receiving school. Under present statutes a receiving school can charge the full cost for elementary students but is limited to the state per student average for secondary school students.