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Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of paragraph D (page 1, lines 4 to 8 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘D. Meet~~Except as provided in this paragraph, meet~~ at least 3 times but not more than 6 times per year, including not more than 2 public hearings on issues of importance to youth. The council may meet more than 6 times in a year if the Executive Director of the Legislative Council determines that sufficient budgeted resources remain after paying all costs associated with the initial 6 meetings to pay any additional costs associated with any additional meetings; and’

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 3 and 4 and inserting in their place the following:

‘Sec. 3. Cocurricular honor contracts. A school board, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 28, may elect to adopt a cocurricular honor contract that may specify the types of behavior covered by the contract, the extent to which the contract covers the behavior of a student while off school grounds at other than school-sponsored activities, the standards or process to be used to determine if a student has violated the contract and standards to ensure that the contract, if adopted by the board, will be enforced consistently and fairly.’

SUMMARY

This amendment allows the Legislative Youth Advisory Council to meet more than 6 times per year if the Executive Director of the Legislative Council determines that sufficient budgeted resources remain after paying all costs associated with the initial 6 meetings to pay any additional costs associated with any additional meetings.

The amendment also strikes provisions in the bill requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules establishing minimum standards for cocurricular honor contracts and replaces those provisions with more general guidelines for school boards regarding what may be included in cocurricular honor contracts should a school board decide to adopt such a contract.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)