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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 982, L.D. 1527, “An Act to Promote the Community School Program”

Amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following:

'**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §9923**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 434, §1, is further amended to read:

§9923. Designation of community schools

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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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)