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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 370, L.D. 873, “An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §257-A, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 61, §1, is amended to read:

1-A. Eligibility for students impacted by COVID-19 pandemic. Notwithstanding the eligibility requirements in subsection 1, a student is eligible to apply for a Department of Education diploma if that student is a 4th year secondary school student and is unable to satisfy the requirements for a diploma from a school administrative unit because the student experienced a significant interruption to the student's education as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and civil emergency during the student's secondary school education history.

This subsection is repealed on September 1, ~~2023~~ 2026.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the date of the repeal of student eligibility for a Department of Education diploma due to interruption as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to September 1, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT