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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1366, L.D. 1845, “An Act To Amend the Education Statutes”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §8 in subsection 1 in the first blocked paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "empathetic"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2 in the 5th line (page 3, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and the Department of Health and Human Services"

Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 1 in the 6th line (page 3, line 24 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "mathematics," the following: 'technology.'

Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 1 in the 6th line (page 3, line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~technology,~~" and inserting the following: 'technology and'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 11.

Amend the bill in section 17 in subsection 1 in the first line (page 6, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "The" and inserting the following: 'Unless otherwise required by law, the'

Amend the bill in section 17 in subsection 1 in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 6, lines 14 and 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", unless specifically directed by statute," and inserting the following: '~~unless specifically directed by statute,~~'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 19 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 19. 20-A MRSA §15671, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 398, §29, is further amended to read:

1. State and local partnership. The State and each local school administrative unit are jointly responsible for contributing to the cost of the components of essential programs and services described in this chapter. The state contribution to the cost of the components of essential programs and services must be made in accordance with this subsection:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 ~~A. The level of the state share of funding attributable to the cost of the components of~~
2 ~~essential programs and services must be at least 50% of eligible state and local General~~
3 ~~Fund education costs statewide, no later than fiscal year 2006-07; and~~

4 ~~B. By fiscal year 2008-09~~ Beginning in fiscal year 2021-22, and in each subsequent
5 fiscal year, the state share of the total cost of funding public education from
6 kindergarten to grade 12, as described by essential programs and services, ~~must be~~ is
7 55%. Beginning in fiscal year 2005-06 and in each fiscal year until fiscal year 2008-
8 ~~09, the state share of essential programs and services described costs must increase~~
9 ~~toward the 55% level required in fiscal year 2008-09.~~

10 ~~Beginning in fiscal year 2005-06 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the~~ The commissioner
11 shall use the funding level determined in accordance with this section as the basis for a
12 recommended funding level for the state share of the cost of the components of essential
13 programs and services.'

14 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 20 and inserting the following:

15 '**Sec. 20. 20-A MRSA §15671, sub-§1-A,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 389, Pt. C,
16 §2, is further amended to read:

17 **1-A. State funding for kindergarten to grade 12 public education.** Beginning in
18 fiscal year 2017-18 2022-23 and in each fiscal year thereafter until, if the annual target
19 under subsection 7, paragraph B for the state share percentage of the total cost of funding
20 public education from kindergarten to grade 12 reaches for that fiscal year is less than 55%
21 ~~pursuant to subsection 7, paragraph B,~~ the State shall increase the state share percentage of
22 the funding for the cost of essential programs and services by at least one percentage point
23 per year over the percentage of the previous year and the department, in allocating funds,
24 shall make this increase in funding a priority. For those fiscal years that the funding
25 appropriated or allocated for the cost of essential programs and services is less than 55%
26 and is not sufficient to increase the state share percentage of the total cost of funding public
27 education from kindergarten to grade 12 by at least one percentage point, no new programs
28 or initiatives may be established for kindergarten to grade 12 public education within the
29 department that would divert funds that would otherwise be distributed as general purpose
30 aid for local schools pursuant to subsection 5.'

31 Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 22 and 23.

32 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 36.

33 Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 41, 42 and 43.

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

36 SUMMARY

37 This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, does the following:

38 1. Clarifies that school innovation includes the understanding of the various roles of
39 stakeholders;

40 2. Clarifies that the curriculum requirements for schools that offer public preschool
41 programs must demonstrate curriculum practice for those programs that implements the

1 Maine early learning and development standards established by the Department of
2 Education;

3 3. Removes from the bill provisions that amended the requirement that the state share
4 of the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, as described by
5 essential programs and services, is 55% but maintains those changes that only removed
6 outdated language, and clarifies the provision of law requiring the State to increase the state
7 share percentage by 1% in each year if the state share percentage falls below 55%; and

8 4. Removes from the bill provisions related to small scale school construction projects.