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Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 4 and 5.

Amend the bill in section 6 in §6210 in the indented paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "The" and inserting the following: 'TheIn accordance with rules established pursuant to section 6211, the'

Amend the bill in section 7 in §6210-A by inserting after subsection 4 a new subsection to read:

‘5. Appeal of withdrawal of basic school approval. Within 30 days after the date of the decision by the department to withdraw basic school approval as set forth in subsection 4, a school administrative unit may appeal the decision to the state board. The state board shall review the decision made under subsection 4 in accordance with the implementation and comprehensive review process set forth in section 4504, subsections 1 and 2. The state board decision is final and binding on the school administrative unit.’

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, amends the bill to make the following changes.

1. It removes the provisions that provide school choice for students whose school loses basic school approval.

2. It inserts a reference in the school assistance provisions amended by the bill to the provision that authorizes the Commissioner of Education to develop major substantive rules to implement the purposes of the laws regarding standards and assessment of student performance in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 222.

3. It provides that a school administrative unit may file an appeal to the State Board of Education of a decision by the Department of Education to withdraw basic school approval due to the failure of the school administrative unit to participate in the development or implementation of a school improvement plan.