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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 589, L.D. 840, Bill, “An Act To Expand Educational Opportunities for Students in the Unorganized Territories”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §3252, sub-§1,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 490, §3, is amended to read:

**1. Elementary school privileges provided.** The commissioner may provide elementary schooling for resident children by establishing and maintaining such elementary schools as may seem advisable or by sending these children as tuition students to elementary schools elsewhere in the State. A student who was a tuition student at an elementary school prior to the 2016-2017 school year must continue to be accepted as a tuition student at that elementary school until the student is no longer eligible to attend an elementary school. Transportation for the tuition student must be provided by the parent or guardian of the student.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that a student who resides in an unorganized territory that does not have an elementary school and who was a tuition student prior to the 2016-2017 school year must continue to be accepted as a tuition student at that student's current elementary school until that student is no longer eligible to attend an elementary school. The amendment also provides that the parent or guardian of the tuition student who resides in an unorganized territory must provide transportation to the elementary school that the student attends.