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128TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 974, L.D. 1416, Bill, “An Act To Amend High School Diploma Standards”

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraphs B, C and D (page 1, lines 8 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

- 'B. Social studies and history, including American history, government; and civics ~~and personal finance—2, 3~~ years;
- C. Mathematics—2, 3 years;
- D. Science, including at least one year of laboratory study—2, 3 years; ~~and~~'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

**'Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for 90% of the cost to school administrative units to increase the secondary school requirements for mathematics, social studies and science by one year, to require documentation of participation in physical education activities that occur outside of the classroom structure and to add career studies and life skills as courses that must be provided to all secondary school students in order to receive a high school diploma.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$28,787,536	\$29,248,138
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$28,787,536</u>	<u>\$29,248,138</u>

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment changes the bill's proposed number of years that courses must be provided from 4 years to 3 years for the subjects of social studies and history, mathematics and science, which are required to receive a high school diploma. The amendment also provides ongoing funding to school administrative units for 90% of the cost of increasing secondary school requirements for mathematics, social studies and science by one year.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**