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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1038, L.D. 1425, Bill, “An Act To Maintain the Integrity of the Department of Education by Prohibiting Its Promotion of Policies and Practices That Are Not Based on Rigorous Peer Review and Analysis, Limiting Acceptance of Private Funding in Implementing and Influencing State Policy and Retaining the Home Rule Powers to School Administrative Units”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Maintain the Integrity of the Department of Education'

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

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §256, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Limit on authority. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the department shall:

A. Limit all new initiatives relating to students to initiatives that have undergone rigorous statistical analysis on their effects in producing clearly identified student outcomes and shall make the results of that statistical analysis available on the department's publicly accessible website; and

B. Critically review contracts with outside entities and publish competitive and noncompetitive contracts with outside entities on the department's publicly accessible website.'

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 committee, replaces the section of the bill that prohibits the Commissioner of Education from promoting certain policies, contracting with or accepting funding from private entities or maintaining a membership in certain organizations to require instead that the Department of Education limit all new

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1 initiatives relating to students to initiatives that have undergone rigorous statistical
2 analysis on their effects in producing clearly identified student outcomes and make the
3 results of that statistical analysis available on the department's publicly accessible
4 website. The amendment also requires the department to critically review contracts with
5 outside entities and publish competitive and noncompetitive contracts with outside
6 entities on the department's publicly accessible website.