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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 1270, L.D. 1785, Bill, "An Act To Amend Certain Education Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following:

'Sec. 8. 20-A MRSA §256, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Resources for people with disabilities. The department shall develop and maintain a comprehensive database of resources for people with disabilities on the department's publicly accessible website.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 15 and 16 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 15. 20-A MRSA §3252, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 490, §3, is amended to read: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 a public or private elementary schools elsewhere in the State school approved for tuition purposes under section 2951.

Sec. 16. 20-A MRSA §3252, sub-§6, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 490, §3, is amended to read:

6. Studies outside the country. The commissioner may, in his the commissioner's discretion, make special arrangements for children in the unorganized territory to attend a public school in the adjoining territory of the Province of Quebec and may pay tuition for those students.

Sec. 17. 20-A MRSA §3253-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 490, §5, is amended to read:

1. Secondary students. Any eligible resident student who may be judged by the commissioner to be qualified may attend as a tuition student any public or private

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1 secondary school in the State approved for tuition purposes under section 2951 to which  
2 ~~he or she~~ that tuition student may gain entrance.'

3 Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 23 to 25.

4 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 38 and inserting the following:

5 '**Sec. 38. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§11, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt.  
6 C, §51, is further amended to read:

7 B. The amount of the adjustment for economically disadvantaged students is the  
8 ~~difference, but not less than zero, between the state share of the total allocation under~~  
9 ~~this chapter and the amount computed as the school administrative unit's total~~  
10 ~~allocation for economically disadvantaged students, multiplied by the relevant~~  
11 ~~percentage in subsection 1, paragraph B.'~~

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

## 14 SUMMARY

15 This amendment:

16 1. Retains the provisions in law relating to: the Department of Education activities  
17 relating to substance use disorder, the Department of Health and Human Services  
18 activities relating to performance-enhancing substances and the Obesity and Chronic  
19 Disease Fund;

20 2. Instead of requiring the Department of Education to maintain a central information  
21 system on resources for people with disabilities, it requires the Department of Education  
22 to develop and maintain a comprehensive database of resources for people with  
23 disabilities on the department's publicly accessible website;

24 3. Removes a gendered pronoun;

25 4. Allows an elementary school student who resides in the unorganized territory to  
26 attend as a tuition student any public or private elementary school approved for tuition  
27 purposes and a secondary school student who resides in the unorganized territory to  
28 attend as a tuition student any public or private secondary school to which that student  
29 may gain entrance that is approved for tuition purposes; and

30 5. Clarifies that the amount of the adjustment for economically disadvantaged  
31 students is the amount computed as the school administrative unit's total allocation for  
32 economically disadvantaged students.