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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1308, L.D. 1783, “Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 140: Public Charter Schools, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education”

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

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of Chapter 140: Public Charter Schools, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Education that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized only if the rule is amended as follows:

- 1. By changing the name of the application form to reflect that it is a student information form;
- 2. By clarifying that public charter schools have to transfer student records to public noncharter schools in a timely manner;
- 3. By clarifying that when a public noncharter school that is the only public school option for students in the school administrative unit chooses to convert to a public charter school, town approval is determined by referendum;
- 4. By clarifying that when the department is determining the 5% or 10% enrollment limits, it excludes from the base enrollment previously enrolled students in the public charter school;
- 5. By conforming transportation funding and gifted and talented funding descriptions to reflect changes in the law; and
- 6. By adding a plan for the provision of special education services to the charter school application process.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment addresses technical and substantive changes to the proposed major substantive rule Chapter 140: Public Charter Schools in the areas of application, procedures for conversion and enrollment, transfer of records and funding.