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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 182, L.D. 396, “An Act to Provide for a Later Starting Time for High Schools”

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

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop a Grant Program to Encourage School Start Time Coordination'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. School Start Time Fund established. Resolved: That the School Start Time Fund is established within the Department of Education for the purposes of administering the program under section 2.

Sec. 2. Grant program. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall establish a grant program to encourage school administrative units to collaborate on changing school start times to allow secondary schools to have a later start time than elementary schools. The department shall award grants from the School Start Time Fund established in section 1. Funds must be used by a school administrative unit to develop plans to coordinate staggered school start times among the unit's schools or in partnership with neighboring school administrative units.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Innovative Teaching and Learning Z394**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for a contracted position to administer the school start time grant program.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$100,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 **Innovative Teaching and Learning Z394**

2 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for grants to school administrative units to collaborate
 3 on changing school start times to allow secondary schools to have a later start time than
 4 elementary schools.

5 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
6 All Other	\$106,078	\$0
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8 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$106,078	\$0

10 EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
11 DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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13 GENERAL FUND	\$206,078	\$0
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15 DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$206,078	\$0

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

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment establishes the
 21 School Start Time Fund within the Department of Education and directs the department to
 22 develop a grant program to award funds to school administrative units to coordinate
 23 changing school start times to allow secondary schools to have a later start time than
 24 elementary schools. Funds awarded through the grant program must be used by a school
 25 administrative unit to develop plans to coordinate staggered start times either among the
 26 unit's own schools or in partnership with neighboring school administrative units.

27 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
 28 **(See attached)**