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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 378, L.D. 1096, Bill, “An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Students Experiencing Education Disruption”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 5.

Amend the bill in section 9 in subsection 2-A by striking out all of paragraphs A and B (page 2, lines 36 and 37 and page 3, line 1 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

- 'A. Homelessness or foster care placement;
- B. Absence for 10 or more consecutive school days due to placement in an interim program; or
- C. Enrollment in 3 or more schools or educational programs in a single school year.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 14 the following:

'Sec. 15. 20-A MRSA §5162, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 451, §6, is repealed.'

Amend the bill in section 15 in §5163 by inserting after subsection 3 the following:

'4. Education disruption due to homelessness or foster care placement. The responsible school at the time of education disruption due to homelessness or foster care placement shall:

- A. Within 5 school days of becoming aware of the education disruption due to homelessness or foster care placement, make available to the student individual educational materials such as curricula and assignments designed to enable the student to continue the student's educational programming; and
- B. Within 10 days of becoming aware of the education disruption due to homelessness or foster care placement, work with the student and the parent or guardian to develop or update a school work recognition plan for the student.'

Amend the bill in section 15 in §5163 in subsection 5 in paragraph C in the last line (page 5, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill in section 15 in §5163 in subsection 5 in paragraph D in the last line
2 (page 5, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "enrolls." and inserting the
3 following: 'enrolls; and'

4 Amend the bill in section 15 in §5163 in subsection 5 by inserting at the end the
5 following:

6 'E. The responsible school for a student who experiences education disruption due to
7 homelessness or foster care placement is the school in which the student is enrolled
8 or is entitled to be enrolled.'

9 Amend the bill in section 15 in §5163 by renumbering the subsections to read
10 consecutively.

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

13 SUMMARY

14 This amendment:

15 1. Removes the provision of the bill that alters the law governing compulsory
16 attendance and excused absences, leaving in place the current law;

17 2. Amends the bill's definition of "education disruption" to include homelessness and
18 foster care placement and identifies the school in which the student is enrolled or entitled
19 to enroll as the responsible school for developing a school work recognition plan; and

20 3. Repeals a provision of law that is replaced by new provisions included in the bill.

21 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

22 (See attached)