HOUSE AMENDMENT “A” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 496, L.D. 1553, Bill, “An Act To Create a Public Charter School Program in Maine”

Amend the amendment in section 5 in §2404 in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraphs D and E (page 5, lines 13 to 22 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'D. For a school administrative unit with an enrollment of 500 or fewer students, a public charter school, unless authorized by a school administrative unit, may not enroll more than 2% of a school administrative unit’s noncharter public school students per grade level.

E. For a school administrative unit with an enrollment of more than 500 students, a public charter school, unless authorized by a school administrative unit, may not enroll more than 3% of a school administrative unit’s noncharter public school students per grade level.’

Amend the amendment in section 5 in §2405 in subsection 9 in the 2nd line (page 8, line 38 in amendment) by striking out the following: “10-year” and inserting the following: ‘6-year’

Amend the amendment in section 5 in §2405 in subsection 9 in the 5th line (page 9, line 1 in amendment) by striking out the following: “10” and inserting the following: ‘3’

SUMMARY

This amendment permits 3 public charter schools over a period of 6 years instead of 10 schools over a period of 10 years. The amendment also reduces the maximum enrollment to 2% from 5% of a school administrative unit’s noncharter students for school
administrative units with an enrollment of 500 or fewer students and to 3% from 10% for
school administrative units with an enrollment of more than 500 students.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
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