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

'An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Consolidation of School Administrative Units To Delay All Penalties for One Year'

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the deadline for reorganization of school administrative units is approaching; and

Whereas, if a school administrative unit does not reorganize, penalties will be imposed against the school administrative unit; and

Whereas, this legislation will give school administrative units additional time to reorganize; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2011" and inserting the following: '2010'

Amend the bill by adding at the end before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The amendment delays any financial penalties imposed on a school administrative unit for nonconformance with the laws governing the reorganization of school administrative units until the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2010. The bill proposed to delay penalties for nonconforming school units for 2 years, or until the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2011. The amendment also amends the title of the bill and adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)