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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 517, L.D. 688, “Resolve, To Facilitate Participation in Individualized Education Program Team Meetings and Special Education Dispute Resolution Procedures”

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 7th and 8th lines (page 1, lines 7 and 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "qualified examiners, experts, advocates and witnesses participate in Individualized Education Program Team Meetings" and inserting the following: 'appropriate persons participate in individualized education program team meetings'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "procedures" the following: '. The amendment to the rules must specify that a school administrative unit is not required to spend any funds to purchase additional equipment in order to comply with this provision'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the last line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "defined in" the following: 'the Maine Revised Statutes,'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The amendment directs the Department of Education to specify in its rules that a school administrative unit is not required to spend any funds to purchase additional equipment in order to comply with the provision that schools provide alternative means of meeting participation to ensure that the parents of a child with a disability are able to have the appropriate persons participate in individualized education program team meetings and special education dispute resolution procedures.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT