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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1235, L.D. 1664, “An Act To Integrate African American Studies into American History Education”

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

'An Act To Integrate African American Studies and the History of Genocide into the Statewide System of Learning Results'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4706, as amended by PL 2009, c. 313, §§8 and 9, is further amended to read:

§4706. Instruction in American history, African American studies, Maine studies and, Maine Native American history and the history of genocide

Instruction in American history, African American studies, government, citizenship ~~and, Maine studies and the history of genocide~~ must be aligned with the parameters for essential instruction and graduation requirements established under section 6209.

1. American history. American history, government and citizenship, including the ~~Constitution of the~~ United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the importance of voting and the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, must be taught in and required for graduation from all elementary and secondary schools, both public and private. African American studies must be included in the review of content standards and performance indicators of the system of learning results conducted in accordance with section 6209, subsection 4.

2. Maine studies. Maine history, including the Constitution of Maine, Maine geography and environment and the natural, industrial and economic resources of Maine and Maine's cultural and ethnic heritage, must be taught. A required component of Maine studies is Maine Native American studies, ~~which.~~ Maine Native American studies and Maine African American studies must be included in the review of content standards and performance indicators of the learning results conducted in accordance with section 6209, subsection 4. ~~The~~ Maine Native American studies must address the following topics:

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- 1 A. Maine tribal governments and political systems and their relationship with local,
2 state, national and international governments;
- 3 B. Maine Native American cultural systems and the experience of Maine tribal people
4 throughout history;
- 5 C. Maine Native American territories; and
- 6 D. Maine Native American economic systems.

7 **3. History of genocide.** The history of genocide, including the Holocaust, must be
8 included in the review of content standards and performance indicators of the system of
9 learning results conducted in accordance with section 6209, subsection 4.'

10 Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2 in the 11th line (page 2, line 3 in L.D.) by
11 inserting after the following: "pursuant to" the following: 'the Maine Revised Statutes,'

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

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, removes the
16 requirement that African American studies and Maine African American studies be taught
17 and required for graduation and provides that African American studies, Maine African
18 American studies and the history of genocide must be included in the content standards and
19 performance indicators of the system of learning results conducted in accordance with the
20 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209, subsection 4.

21 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

22 **(See attached)**