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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 204, L.D. 263, Bill, "An Act to Permit Law Enforcement Officers to Transport Truants Back to School"

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5051, sub-§2, ¶F is enacted to read:

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F. When a student is determined habitually truant and in violation of section 5001-A, the school board may notify the local law enforcement department of the decision. After this notification, a local law enforcement officer who sees a truant may offer to transport the truant to the appropriate school if the truant and the truant's parent or guardian provide verbal consent and if the truant:

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(1) Is off school grounds during school hours; and

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(2) Is not under the supervision of school personnel.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment replaces the bill.

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Currently, law enforcement officers who see identified truants off school grounds during school hours may not take action except to notify the school or designated school personnel.

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2 The bill would have required that school boards notify local
law enforcement officers when a student is habitually truant and
4 would have permitted an officer to transport the truant student
to the appropriate school.

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8 This amendment replaces the requirement that school boards
notify local law enforcement officers when a student is
habitually truant with a provision that permits school boards to
10 notify officers. The amendment adds a provision that permits an
officer to offer to transport a truant to the appropriate school
12 provided the truant and the truant's parent or guardian grant
verbal permission.