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L.D. 2012
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1342, L.D. 2012, "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Carbon Monoxide Detectors"

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

'Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 11 in the first line (page 1, line 30 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "facilities" the following: 'constructed prior to January 1, 2027'

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §2468, sub-§11-A is enacted to read:

11-A. Educational facilities constructed on or after January 1, 2027. An educational facility constructed on or after January 1, 2027 shall install, or cause to be installed, carbon monoxide detectors by the manufacturer's requirements and in accordance with the requirements of the Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection Association as adopted by the Commissioner of Public Safety in each building of the educational facility that is used for educational purposes by at least 6 persons for at least 4 hours per day or more than 12 hours per week.'

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 14 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "a state, county or municipal law enforcement officer;"

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment does the following.

1. It limits the current requirements regarding the power source for carbon monoxide detectors for educational facilities to those constructed prior to January 1, 2027.
2. It requires educational facilities constructed on or after January 1, 2027 to have carbon monoxide detectors installed in accordance with the Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection Association but does not specify the power requirements.
3. It removes enforcement of the laws regarding carbon monoxide detectors by state, county or municipal law enforcement officers as proposed in the bill.
4. It adds a mandate preamble.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2012

LR 2780(02)

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-966)*

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires educational facilities to install additional carbon monoxide detectors in accordance with the requirements of the Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection Association as adopted by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

Significant statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Preliminary estimates indicate that the total cost for all elementary, middle, and secondary school buildings is likely to range from \$500,000 to \$1,190,000. These estimates assumes that the cost of installing the additional required carbon monoxide detectors will range from \$600 to \$1500 per school for Maine's 174 elementary schools, \$900 to \$2000 per school for Maine's 171 middle schools, and \$1500 to \$3000 per school for Maine's 122 secondary schools.

Any additional costs to the Department of Public Safety and State institutions of higher education are minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.