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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 111TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION SENATE AMENDMENT " A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 877, L.D. 1131, Bill, "AN ACT to Revise the Truancy Laws." Amend the Amendment by inserting after the title the following: 'Amend the Bill in section 1 by striking out all of paragraph A-1 and inserting in its place the following: A-1. As part of the informal measures the superintendent may ask the parents to attend a meeting with their child's teacher or other school personnel designated by the superintendent. Teaching personnel required to attend a meeting with parents outside of normal school hours shall be compensated at a proration of their per diem salary. The purpose of the meeting would be to describe the education program to the parents and explain the value for their child attending school. The superintendent should arrange a meeting time convenient to the parents. The parents shall be informed in writing of all consequences of their failure to attend the meeting. If the parents do not attend the meeting, the superintendent may seek a court order requiring their attendance. The fact that a child is an habitual truant under subsection 1 and the superintendent documents that the parents received written notice of the meeting but did not attend is sufficient grounds for the court to issue a court order requiring parents' attendance.

Further amend the Amendment in the first paragraph after the title in the first line (page 1, line
10 in amendment) by striking out the word "Amend" and

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1 inserting in its place the following: 'Further amend' 2 Further amend the Amendment in paragraph C-1 in 3 7th line (page 1, line 20 in amendment) by the 4 inserting after the underlined word and punctuation 5 "hearing." the following: 'A copy of the written 6 notice sent to the regional manager shall be sent at 7 the same time to the parents. 8 Further amend the Amendment by inserting before 9 the last paragraph before the statement of fact the 10 following: 11 'Further amend the Bill in section 2 in paragraph A in the 4th line (page 2, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined letter "B" and inserting in 12 13 14 its place the underlined letter and number 'A-1' 15 Further amend the Bill in section 2 in paragraph 16 B in the last line (page 2, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the stricken out word "er" and inserting in its place the word 'or' 17 18 19 Further amend the Bill in section 2 in paragraph C in the last line (page 2, line 20 in L.D.) by 20 striking out the underlined punctuation and word 21 22 or" and inserting in its place the punctuation '.' 23 Further amend the Bill by striking out all of 24 section 3. Further amend the Bill in section 4 in paragraph 25 26 A by striking out all of subparagraph (1) and insert-27 ing in its place the following: 28 (1) Subsection 1, paragraph A shall be 29 punished by a forfeiture of not more than 30 \$200 or not more than 50 hours of community 31 service; and' 32 Further amend the Bill in section 4 in paragraph

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A in subparagraph (2) in the last line (page 2, line 33 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined punctuation and word "; and" and inserting in their place the punctuation '.'

5 Further amend the Bill in section 4 in paragraph 6 A by striking out all of subparagraph (3).

7 Further amend the Bill by striking out all of 8 section 5.

9 Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end 10 before the statement of fact the following:

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## 'FISCAL NOTE

12 This bill will result in no cost in fiscal year 13 1983-84 or 1984-85. In fiscal year 1985-86 there will 14 be available costs under the School Finance Act that 15 are impossible to predict.'

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the requirement to hold a 17 18 series of meetings with parents with a requirement to 19 hold one meeting. It adds the requirement that teach-20 ers be paid extra if they have to meet with parents 21 after school hours. It adds the requirements that 22 parents be informed in writing of the consequences of not meeting with their child's teacher and the re-23 24 quirement that parents receive a copy of the notice

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- 1 sent to the Department of Human Services. Finally, it
- 2 removes the mandatory sentence provision.

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