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L.D. 1612

(Filing No. H428)

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1158, L.D. 1612, Bill, "An Act to Protect the Identity of Juveniles Prior to Hearing or Bind Over to Superior Court"

Amend the bill by striking out all the title and inserting in its place the following:

'An Act to Protect the Identity of Juveniles Prior to Filing of Petition'

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

'15 MRSA §3307, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Release of identity. No law enforcement officer, officer of the court or juvenile caseworker may release the identity of any juvenile until a petition is filed charging the juvenile with a juvenile crime described in subsection 2.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the text of the original bill.

Current law protects the identity of juveniles charged with crimes which, if the juvenile were an adult, would be considered Class D or Class E crimes. This amendment provides that law enforcement officers, court officers and juvenile caseworkers shall not release the identity of a juvenile even if the alleged crime would be murder or a Class A, B or C crime, or a Class D crime in certain situations, until a petition is filed charging the juvenile with the crime. Proceedings on murder, Class A, B or C crimes, and Class D crimes in certain situations, are currently open to the public under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 15, section 3307, subsection 2.