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STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 665, L.D. 903, Bill, "An Act to Bring the Bureau of State Police, the Department of the Attorney General and the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency into Conformity with the Criminal History Record Information Laws"

Amend the amendment in section 9 in that part designated "~~§623.~~" by striking out all of the indented paragraph (page 3, lines 12 to 16 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'The Attorney General shall analyze the impact of this conformity provision upon the Department of the Attorney General. The Department of the Attorney General shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters to the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature on this analysis and recommend a funding mechanism. The funding mechanism must include a fee for services to cover the costs associated with providing access and copying of records available to the public under this chapter.'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 11 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 11. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 1995, except that that section of this Act that enacts the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 16, section 623 takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of the fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

SENATE AMENDMENT

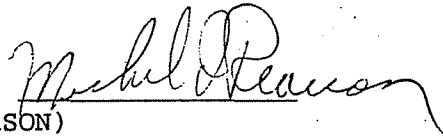
FISCAL NOTE

The Department of the Attorney General will incur additional General Fund costs for paralegal services of approximately \$60,000 beginning in fiscal year 1995-96 as a result of prospectively changing the confidentiality provisions of the department's investigative records, effective July 1, 1995.

The Department of the Attorney General will incur some minor additional costs to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary on a funding mechanism to cover the costs associated with providing access to the department's investigative records. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment requires the Attorney General to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary of the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature on a funding mechanism to cover the costs associated with providing access to records that are now confidential. The amendment removes the appropriation section, adds an effective date of July 1, 1995 and replaces the fiscal note.

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