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L.D. 1255

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TRANSPORTATION

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Reported by: The Majority of the Committee.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 459, L.D. 1255, Bill, "An Act to Create the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority"

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Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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This bill creates the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to allow the State of Maine to continue to take active steps to establish passenger rail service pursuant to the initiated bill enacted by the Legislature, Public Law 1991, chapter 587. This authority is independent from the state budgeting process and is authorized to expend federal funds and state funds allocated to the authority, including General Fund bond issue proceeds currently allocated to the Department of Transportation pursuant to Private and Special Law 1991, Chapter 113. The bill authorizes a transfer of up to \$3,000,000 of existing General Fund general obligation bond proceeds from the Department of Transportation to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

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The Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority will be considered a legal successor to the Maine Department of Transportation and is intended to insulate the State of Maine from the liabilities associated with providing passenger railroad service.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.