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**STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 406, L.D. 1301, Bill, "An Act to Continue and Expand the Duties of the Productivity Realization Task Force by Creating a Permanent Productivity Realization Council"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**S1602.**" by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Timing of review. Beginning in 1999 and every 5 years thereafter, the council shall adopt a schedule that provides as nearly as practicable for the review, over a 2-year period, of General Fund programs in the first year of the review cycle and the review of programs funded from dedicated funds and accounts, the University of Maine System, the Maine Technical College System, independent agencies and public instrumentalities in the 2nd year of the review cycle. The council may review programs out of schedule if it determines that review will contribute to the goal of increasing productivity.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

The bill requires the Executive Department and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to provide assistance and staff support to the Productivity Realization Council within existing resources. Depending on the review schedule adopted by the council, the ability of all programs

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2 within these departments to provide the levels of assistance or  
financial resources required by the council can not be determined.

4 The additional costs associated with providing staff  
6 assistance to the council can be absorbed by the State Planning  
Office and the Judicial Department utilizing existing budgeted  
resources.

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10 The ability of the Legislative Council to absorb the expense  
costs of 2 legislative members of the council, estimated to be  
12 \$700 annually beginning in fiscal year 1998-99, or to provide  
staff assistance to the council during a legislative session is  
14 uncertain. The additional costs associated with providing  
limited staff assistance to the council during any interim  
16 between sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing  
existing budgeted resources.'

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20 **SUMMARY**

22 This amendment changes the timing of the review of various  
government programs. The Legislative Council shall establish the  
24 schedule for the review beginning in 1999, and every 5 years  
thereafter. General Fund programs must be reviewed in the first  
26 year of the review and all other programs in the 2nd year of the  
review. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.