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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1184, L.D. 1675, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Victims' Compensation Fund"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 12 the following:

'Sec. 13. 15 MRSA §3308, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Records of Juvenile Court. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, records of Juvenile Court proceedings and the police records and other records described in subsection 5 must be open to inspection by the Victims' Compensation Board at any time if a juvenile is alleged to have committed an offense upon which an application to the board is based.

Sec. 14. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Table with 3 columns: Description, 1997-98, 1998-99. Rows include ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE Victims' Compensation Board, Positions - Legislative Count, Personal Services.

Allocates funds to increase one part-time Research Assistant position from 20 hours per week to 30 hours per week to assist in handling additional workload.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

FISCAL NOTE

	1997-98	1998-99
APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
Other Funds	\$10,910	\$11,473

This bill includes Other Special Revenue allocations to the Department of the Attorney General of \$10,910 and \$11,473 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively, to increase one part-time Research Assistant position from 20 hours per week to 30 hours per week to assist in handling the additional workload. The balance forward in this Other Special Revenue account is sufficient to cover these Other Special Revenue allocations in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99.

This bill also expands the use of administrative funds by eliminating the 7.5% cap on administrative expenses of the Victims' Compensation Fund to be consistent with budgeted funds and the allocations included in this bill.

This bill may also avoid a loss of federal funds by adding the coverage of terrorism as required to be eligible for matching federal funds.'

SUMMARY

This amendment allows the Victims' Compensation Board to inspect Juvenile Court records if a juvenile is alleged to have committed an offense upon which an application to the board is based.

The amendment adds an allocation section that provides money from the Victims' Compensation Fund to increase a part-time position from 20 hours to 30 hours per week. This allocation is made in order to address the increased application to and administration of the Victims' Compensation Fund.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note.