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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1369, L.D. 1919, Bill, "An Act to Inform Crime Victims about the Disposition of Charges"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Mandate preamble.** This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

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

**'FISCAL NOTE**

This bill requires prosecutors to notify crime victims under additional circumstances. The additional costs of this state mandate can not be determined at this time. Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional local costs.

The additional costs associated with providing additional notification to crime victims can be absorbed by the Department of the Attorney General utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment adds a mandate preamble to eliminate the requirement that the State reimburse local governmental units for the costs of informing crime victims when the charges against the perpetrator will not be pursued.

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