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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1938, "Joint Study Order to Study Bomb Threats in Maine Schools"

Amend the study order by striking out everything from the first indented paragraph to the end and inserting in its place the following:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Study Committee to Study Bomb Threats in Maine Schools is established as follows.

1. Committee established. The Joint Study Committee to Study Bomb Threats in Maine Schools, referred to in this order as the "committee," is established.

2. Membership. The committee consists of the following members:

A. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

B. Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House. When making the appointments, the Speaker of the House shall give preference to members from the following committees: the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

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2 **3. Chairs.** The first named Senate member is the Senate
4 chair and the first named House of Representatives member is the
House chair.

6 **4. Appointments; convening committee.** All appointments
8 must be made within 30 days following the passage of this order.
The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of
10 the Legislative Council once all appointments have been made.
The chairs of the committee shall call and convene the first
12 meeting of the committee no later than June 30, 2000.

14 **5. Duties.** The committee shall study the problem of bomb
16 threats in schools in the State and possible methods of deterring
bomb threats in schools, including withholding privileges, such
18 as driver's licenses and other licenses, from a student convicted
of or participating in making a bomb threat until the student is
20 years of age.

22 **6. Staff assistance.** Upon approval of the Legislative
24 Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide
necessary staffing services to the committee.

26 **7. Compensation.** Members of the committee are entitled to
28 receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and
other necessary expenses for attendance at authorized meetings of
the committee.

30 **8. Report.** The committee shall report on the issues
32 studied with any recommended legislation for the First Regular
Session of the 120th Legislature no later than November 1, 2000.
34 If the committee requires an extension of time to make its
report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant
the extension.

36 **9. Committee budget.** The chairs of the committee, with
38 assistance from the committee staff, shall administer the
committee's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the
40 committee shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the
Legislative Council for its approval. The committee may not
42 incur expenses that would result in the committee's exceeding its
approved budget. Upon request from the committee, the Executive
44 Director of the Legislative Council or the executive director's
designee shall provide the committee chairs and staff with a
46 status report on the committee's budget, expenditures incurred
and paid and available funds.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment clarifies the appointments to the study committee and changes the date by which the first meeting must be called.

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