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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 75, L.D. 88, Bill, "An Act to Add to the List of Mandatory Reporters of Suspected Child Abuse Children's Summer Camp Employees"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Add to the List of Mandatory Reporters of Suspected Child Abuse Children's Summer Camp Administrators and Counselors'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in the 7th line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "employee of a children's summer camp," and inserting in its place the following: 'children's summer camp administrator or counselor,'

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

'FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Human Services may incur some minor additional costs to investigate a minimal number of new cases. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

The additional workload, administrative costs and indigent defense costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment limits the expansion of the list of mandatory reporters of child abuse to the administrators and counselors at children's summer camps. Other summer camp employees are not included as mandatory reporters. The mandatory reporting law applies to adults only; counselors who are under 18 years of age would not be required to report suspected abuse, although they may do so voluntarily.

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This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.