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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 495, L.D. 702, Bill, "An Act to Revise the Fact-finding Process under the Public Employees Labor Relations Laws"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph B in the 3rd line from the end (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Facts that have been found" and inserting in its place the following: 'Recommendations issued'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph B in the 3rd line from the end (page 1, line 46 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Facts that have been found" and inserting in its place the following: 'Recommendations issued'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph B in the 3rd line from the end (page 2, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Facts that have been found" and inserting in its place the following: 'Recommendations issued'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in paragraph B in the 3rd and 4th lines from the end (page 2, lines 34 and 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Facts that have been found" and inserting in its place the following: 'Recommendations issued'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may result in binding arbitration on economic issues under the Municipal Employee Labor Relations Act. The

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2 imposition of binding arbitration on economic issues represents a
3 state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The
4 additional local costs can not be determined. Unless General
5 Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the
6 additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and
7 two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this
8 mandate from the funding requirement, affected municipalities may
9 refuse to implement any economic issues subject to binding
10 arbitration as a result of this bill.

11 The net impact of this bill on future collective bargaining
12 processes and outcomes for the Judicial Department, the
13 University of Maine System and State Government can not be
14 determined.'

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This amendment clarifies the intent of the bill by providing
18 that the unanimous recommendations of the fact-finding panel are
19 binding, not the facts. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to
20 the bill.
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