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MINORITY LABOR

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 880, L.D. 1237, Bill, "An Act to Protect the Right of Employees to Freely Decide Whether to Support Labor Organizations"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Table with 3 columns: Description, 1999-00, 2000-01. Rows include Attorney General Department, Administration - Attorney General, and various sub-items like Positions - Legislative Count, Personal Services, All Other, and a TOTAL row.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

**Administration - Bureau
of Labor Standards**

All Other \$12,134

Provides funds for the cost
of printing, handling and
mailing the notice to
employers.

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
TOTAL**

\$12,134

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$84,056 \$77,449'

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

FISCAL NOTE

1999-00 2000-01

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund \$84,056 \$77,449

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$71,922
and \$77,449 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively,
for the Department of the Attorney General for one Special
Investigator position, one part-time Assistant Attorney General
position and operating costs to provide the additional legal and
investigative work.

The requirement that the District Attorney of each district
investigate complaints and prosecute violators represents a state
mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The additional
local costs can not be determined at this time. Unless General
Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the
additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and
two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this
mandate from the funding requirement, the District Attorneys may
not be required to implement these changes.

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2 The bill also includes a General Fund appropriation of
3 \$12,134 in fiscal year 1999-00 for the Department of Labor for
4 the cost of printing, handling and mailing the notice.

6 This bill may increase prosecutions for Class E crimes. If
7 a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties
8 are estimated to be \$82.48 per day per prisoner. These costs are
9 not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may
10 result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county
11 jail system are expected to be insignificant.

12 The additional workload and administrative costs associated
13 with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system
14 can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
15 Department. The collection of additional fines may increase
16 General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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SUMMARY

21 This amendment adds an appropriation section and a fiscal
22 note to the bill.

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