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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1211, L.D. 1740, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Habitual Truancy Law"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §5051, sub-§2, ¶F, as amended by PL 1995, c. 124, §1, is further amended to read:

F. When a student is determined habitually truant and in violation of section 5001-A and the superintendent has made a good faith attempt to meet the requirements of paragraph A-1, the school-board superintendent may notify the local law enforcement department of the decision. After this notification, a local law enforcement officer who sees a truant may offer to transport the truant to the appropriate school if the truant and the truant's parent or guardian provide verbal consent and if the truant:

- (1) Is off school grounds during school hours; and
(2) Is not under the supervision of school personnel.'

SUMMARY

This amendment retains the provision that allows the superintendent, instead of the school board, to notify local law enforcement that a student has been declared habitually truant. However, this amendment strikes the bill's provision that would

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2 have allowed a police officer to transport a student to school
only after attempting to obtain parental consent. Under this
4 amendment, the police officer must first obtain verbal consent
from the student's parent or guardian before being transported
back to school.

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