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119TH LEGISLATURE  
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1296, L.D. 1857, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Laws"

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Amend the amendment by striking out all of the fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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This bill may increase the number of civil cases brought against local units of government and result in additional legal expenditures by the affected local units of government. As a result, this bill may represent 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 affected local units of government may not be required to implement these changes.

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This bill may increase the number of civil violations filed in the court system. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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L.D. 1857

**SUMMARY**

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This amendment replaces the fiscal note on the committee amendment to correct that fiscal note.

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**HOUSE AMENDMENT**