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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1308, L.D. 1867, Bill, "An Act to Amend the InforME Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 5. 1 MRSA §534, sub-§5, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 713, §1, is amended to read:

G. Review revenue and expenditures and approve premium services fees and fee schedules to be levied by the network manager.

(1) Fees must be sufficient to maintain, develop, operate and expand InforME on a continuing basis.

(2) Fees for premium services must be reasonable but sufficient to support the maximum amount of information and services provided at no charge.

(3) The board may establish fee schedules that include no charge for designated services for one or more specified classes of users. ~~If services are to be provided at no charge to libraries, the services must be provided to libraries designated as depository libraries for government documents pursuant to 44 United States Code, Chapter 19, and to any other libraries the board designates.~~

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(4) Fees must be sufficient to ensure that, to the extent possible, data custodians do not suffer loss of revenues from sources that are approved or authorized by law due to the operations of InforME.

(5) Fees must be sufficient to ensure that data custodians are reimbursed for the actual costs of providing data to InforME.

(6) Fees must be sufficient to meet the expenses of the board.

(7) The board shall require the network manager to provide access to premium services at no charge to libraries. The minimum number of connections to be provided to each library is 5.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may result in the delay in the implementation of the InforME contract with a network manager. A delay in the InforME contract may have a minor net effect on State expenditures and revenue.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is a minority report. It replaces the bill and requires free InforME premium services to be provided to all libraries in the State. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.