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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 987, L.D. 2540, Bill, "An Act Concerning Fingerprinting and Background Checks for School Employees"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 (page 1, lines 39 to 49 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6103, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 547, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4. Expenses. The expense of obtaining the information required by this section must be paid by the State for all persons either regularly employed, employed as substitutes or placed under contract by public schools and approved private schools in the 1999-2000 school year. The expense of obtaining the information required to meet the requirements of this section for all persons who begin work in a public school after July 1, 2000 must be paid by the applicants.'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 10 and 11 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 10. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Fingerprint and Background Information -  
State Expense

2 All Other \$668,380

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6 Appropriates funds for the  
8 costs of conducting  
10 background checks and  
12 fingerprinting for current  
14 school employees and for the  
16 cost of providing rebates to  
18 those individuals who have  
20 already paid for the required  
22 background checks.'

### FISCAL NOTE


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18 This amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill by  
20 \$232,750 in fiscal year 2000-01 and reduces future General Fund  
costs by that same amount in each of fiscal years 2001-02 and  
2002-03.

22 As amended, the bill includes a General Fund appropriation  
24 of \$668,380 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Public  
26 Safety to cover the costs of fingerprinting and background checks  
for current school employees.

### 28 SUMMARY

30 The amendment provides payment by the Department of  
32 Education for the expense of a criminal history record check for  
all existing employees of public schools and approved private  
34 schools. The amendment also requires a new employee to pay the  
expense of a criminal history record check for that employee.

36 It also replaces an appropriation section and removes an  
38 allocation section.

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42 SPONSORED BY:   
44 (Representative MACK)

46 TOWN: Standish