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	L.D. 2540
2	DATE: 4-14-00 (Filing No. H-1138)
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6	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.
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10	STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12	119TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION
14	HOUSE AMENDMENT " $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}$ " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 987,
16	L.D. 2540, Bill, "An Act Concerning Fingerprinting and Background Checks for School Employees"
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20	Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:
22	'Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:
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	'An Act Concerning Fingerprinting and Background Checks for
26	School Employees and Certain Public Officials'
28	Further amend the amendment by inserting after the first indented paragraph after the title the following:
30	indented paragraph arter the true the rorrowing.
	'Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1008, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:
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	3-A. Fingerprinting and background checks. To fingerprint
34	and conduct background checks on Legislators and constitutional
36	officers at the same time that the ethics seminar for Legislators is conducted pursuant to subsection 3. The fingerprints and the
30	results of the background checks obtained pursuant to this
38	subsection must be retained by the commission and be available for public inspection.
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	Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
42	any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.
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46	FISCAL NOTE
	This amendment increases future General Fund costs to the
48	Department of Public Safety by \$9,261 in fiscal year 2001-02 and every other fiscal year thereafter.
50	over constitution year energates.

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Any additional costs associated with retaining background check information can be absorbed by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices utilizing existing budgeted resources.

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## **SUMMARY**

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This amendment requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to fingerprint and conduct background checks on Legislators and constitutional officers at the same time that the ethics seminar for Legislators is conducted. The fingerprints and the results of the background checks must be retained by the commission and available for public inspection.

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This amendment also adds a new title to Committee Amendment "A" to add to the bill.

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22 SPONSORED BY:

24 (Representative MEMOROS)

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