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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 373, L.D. 475, Bill, "An Act to Govern Fees Assessed by the Bureau of General Services that Apply to School Construction Projects"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Hold the Bureau of General Services Accountable for Services Provided for School Construction Projects'

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

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§7, as amended by PL 1995, c. 665, Pt. G, §1, is further amended to read:

7. Approve plans for public improvements. To approve all proposals, plans, specifications and contracts for public improvements that the State or any of its agencies hold in fee or by leasehold interest and for school administrative unit projects costing in excess of \$100,000. The commissioner shall, upon the request of a school administrative unit, provide consultation for any public improvement regardless of cost. The Bureau of General Services may assess school administrative units the reasonable cost of services provided by the bureau for school construction projects for which budgets have been established subsequent to July 1, 1995. The Bureau of General Services shall furnish a quarterly report to the project unit school board that details

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2 the services provided to the project during the time period
3 covered by the report. The Bureau of General Services shall
4 submit to the State Board of Education an annual report that
5 summarizes the services provided each project;

6 **Sec. 2. Survey report.** The Department of Administrative and
7 Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, the State Board
8 of Education and the Department of Education shall report back to
9 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
10 jurisdiction over education matters by December 31, 2002 on the
11 results of a survey to assess the level of satisfaction for
12 services provided by the bureau for school construction projects.'

13 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
14 summary the following:
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17 **'FISCAL NOTE**

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19 The additional costs associated with certain reporting
20 requirements can be absorbed by the Department of Administrative
21 Services' Bureau of General Services, the Department of Education
22 and the State Board of Education utilizing existing budgeted
23 resources.'

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26 **SUMMARY**

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28 This amendment removes from the bill the \$15,000 cap on fees
29 charged by the Department of Administrative and Financial
30 Services, Bureau of General Services for services associated with
31 a school construction project. It also requires the State Board
32 of Education, the Bureau of General Services and the Department
33 of Education to report back to the joint standing committee of
34 the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by
35 December 31, 2002 on the results of a survey to assess the level
36 of satisfaction for school construction services provided by the
37 bureau.

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40 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.