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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 303, L.D. 1050, Bill, "An Act to Allow Victims of Crimes More Access to Inmate Records"

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

'Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3003, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Release of certain information to victims. Notwithstanding subsection 1, upon the request of a person who was the victim of a crime, as verified by the department or the prosecuting attorney, for which a client was incarcerated, the department shall disclose the following information to the victim:

A. Whether the client has been charged with committing any crime while incarcerated and, if so, the crime with which the client has been charged; and

B. Whether the client has been disciplined while incarcerated and, if so, the offense for which the disciplinary action was taken and the type of disciplinary action taken.'

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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The additional costs associated with providing limited access to certain records can be absorbed by the Department of Corrections utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill. Under this amendment a victim of a crime can obtain, upon request, the following information about the inmate who committed the crime: whether the inmate has been charged with committing any crime while incarcerated and, if so, the crime with which the inmate has been charged; and whether the inmate has been disciplined while incarcerated and, if so, the offense for which the disciplinary action was taken and the type of disciplinary action taken. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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