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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 846, L.D. 1118, Bill, "An Act to Enact the Paperwork Reduction Act"

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

'An Act to Reduce Unnecessary Paperwork in State Government'

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. 3 MRSA §956, sub-§2, ¶L, as amended by PL 2001, c. 321, Pt. A, §2, is further amended to read:

L. A comparison of any related federal laws and regulations to the state laws governing the agency or program and the rules implemented by the agency or program; and

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §956, sub-§2, ¶M, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 321, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

M. Agency policies for collecting, managing and using personal information over the Internet and nonelectronically, information on the agency's implementation of information technologies and an evaluation of the agency's adherence to the fair information practice principles of notice, choice, access, integrity and enforcement; and

Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §956, sub-§2, ¶N is enacted to read:

2 N. A list of reports, applications and other similar
3 paperwork required to be filed with the agency by the
4 public. The list must include:

6 (1) The statutory authority for each filing
7 requirement;

8 (2) The date each filing requirement was adopted or
9 last amended by the agency;

10 (3) The frequency that filing is required;

12 (4) The number of filings received annually for the
13 last 2 years and the number anticipated to be received
14 annually for the next 2 years; and

16 (5) A description of the actions taken or contemplated
17 by the agency to reduce filing requirements and
18 paperwork duplication.

20 **Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §957, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 488,
22 **§2**, is amended to read:

24 **1. Authority.** For each agency or independent agency or a
25 component part of each agency or independent agency subject to
26 review pursuant to section 952, the committee of jurisdiction may
27 conduct an analysis and evaluation that may include, but need not
28 be limited to, an evaluation of the program evaluation report,
29 including the extent to which the agency or independent agency
30 has increased or reduced filing requirements and paperwork
31 duplication burdens on the public; the extent to which the agency
32 or independent agency operates in accordance with its legislative
33 authority; and the degree of success achieved by the agency or
34 independent agency in meeting its statutory and administrative
35 mandate. In consultation with the Legislative Council, the
36 committee shall select agencies or independent agencies for
37 review either in accordance with the scheduling guidelines
38 provided in this chapter or at any time determined necessary or
39 warranted by the committee.'

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

44 **FISCAL NOTE**

46 The additional costs associated with additional reporting
48 items to be included in the State Government Evaluation Act
49 report can be absorbed by the agency or independent agency which
50 is subject to review under this Act utilizing existing budgeted
resources.'

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SUMMARY

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6 This amendment replaces the bill. It amends the State
8 Government Evaluation Act to provide that agencies undergoing
10 legislative review pursuant to that act must submit to the
12 committee conducting the review a list of the various filings by
14 the public that the agency requires. The amendment also
specifies that, in conducting its analysis and developing its
recommendations, a legislative committee may consider the extent
to which an agency has increased or decreased filing requirements
and paperwork duplication burdens on the public. It also adds a
fiscal note to the bill.