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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 473, L.D. 1537, Bill, "An Act to Increase Access to Unemployment Compensation for School Bus Drivers"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

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

'FISCAL NOTE

The requirement that certain employees of an educational institution are to receive unemployment compensation benefits if otherwise eligible represents a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The additional local cost is estimated at \$1,164,800 in fiscal year 2002-03. This estimate is based on an assumption of 800 eligible employees multiplied by an average weekly benefit amount of \$182 multiplied by 8 weeks of eligibility. Pursuant to the mandate preamble, the 2/3 vote of

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all members elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional local costs.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor. The amendment adds a mandate preamble and a fiscal note to the bill.