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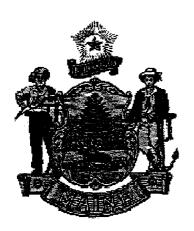
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2	DATE: 5-14-03 (Filing No. H-361)
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6	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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10	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.
12	STATE OF MAINE
14	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 121ST LEGISLATURE
16	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " \mathcal{A} " to H.P. 59, L.D. 51, Bill, "An Act
20	to Amend Certain Provisions of the Program Evaluation and Government Accountability Laws"
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24	Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:
26	'Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §992, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 702 §2, is amended to read:
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	Program evaluation. "Program evaluation" means and
30	examination of any government program that includes performance audits, management analysis, inspections, operations or research
32	or examinations of efficiency, effectiveness, or economy and when determined necessary by the committee, financial audits and
34	post-audits. All financial audits and post-audits must be performed by the Department of Audit or, if the Department of
36	Audit is unable to perform the audit within the time frame
38	established by the committee to complete the report, a qualified auditor.
40	Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §992, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:
42	5-A. Qualified auditor. "Qualified auditor" means a
	auditor who meets the education and experience requirements of
44	the Office of State Auditor as defined in Title 5, section 241.
46	Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §994, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 702 §2, is amended to read:
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2	10. Adopt rules. To adopt rules, as long as the rules are
	not in conflict with the Joint Rules of the Legislature. By
4	January 1, 2005, the committee must develop a mission statement
	to be included in the rules.'
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	Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
8	nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
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14	This amendment requires all financial audits and post-audits
14	to be performed by the Department of Audit. If the department is
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16	unable to conduct the audit within the time frame established by
	the joint legislative committee established to oversee program
18	evaluation and government accountability matters, a qualified
	auditor must perform the financial audit or post-audit. It also
20	requires the committee to develop a mission statement by January
	1, 2005.
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24	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
	(See attached)

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121st Maine Legislature Office of Fiscal and Program Review

LD 51

An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of the Program Evaluation and Government Accountability Laws

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: State and Local Government
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Current funding for the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability has been completely eliminated for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05. While the Joint Rules of the 121st Legislature establishes the oversight committee, no appointments have been made. Whether or not the 122nd Legislature will establish the oversight committee is not known. Therefore, it may not be possible for the committee to develop a required mission statement by January 1, 2005.