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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
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121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT A to S.P. 617, L.D. 1685, Bill, "An Act To Improve Awareness of Meningococcal Disease"

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

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10008 is enacted to read:

§10008. Information on meningococcal disease and vaccine

1. Provision of information; report of vaccination. Each postsecondary educational institution incorporated, chartered or established under the laws of the State that has a residential campus shall provide information on meningococcal disease and the meningococcal vaccine to each newly entering student who plans to live on the residential campus. This information must include any recommendations issued by the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding meningococcal disease and the meningococcal vaccine. The information must be accompanied by a statement directing the student to share the information with the student's parents or legal guardians.

2. Construction. This section may not be construed to require a postsecondary educational institution to provide the meningococcal vaccine to students.

3. Review; repeal. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters shall review the operation and effectiveness of this

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 section by January 30, 2008 and may report out to the Second
3 Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature a bill to amend or
4 repeal this section. As part of its review, the committee shall
5 consider the current recommendations of the national Centers for
6 Disease Control and Prevention regarding meningococcal disease
7 and the meningococcal vaccine. This subsection is repealed June
8 30, 2008.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires each public or private postsecondary educational institution with a residential campus to provide information on meningococcal disease and the meningococcal vaccine to each newly entering student who plans to live on the residential campus. The amendment adds a provision to the bill to require that the information regarding the disease and vaccine include a statement directing the student to share the information with parents or guardians. The amendment also retains the provision of the bill that requires the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters to review these requirements and authorizes the committee to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature following its review.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

LD 1685

An Act To Improve Awareness of Meningococcal Disease



LR 2220(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional cost to the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the Department of Human Services can be absorbed utilizing existing budgetary resources.