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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 709, L.D. 1024, Bill, "An Act To Make Safer Schools"

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

'Resolve, To Review and Recodify Laws Pertaining to Violence in Our Schools'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Review and recodification. Resolved: That the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall review the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A and identify provisions pertaining to safety in schools and provisions that establish policies, procedures and penalties to address violence in schools.

The Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes shall jointly prepare a bill for submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs during the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature that recodifies selected sections of Title 20-A, in accordance with the following.

1. Scope of recodification. In preparing the bill, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes shall reorganize the laws contained in Title 20-A to consolidate or accurately cross-reference sections pertaining to

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

ADD

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2 violence and threatening behavior in schools. In preparing the
bill, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of
4 the Revisor of Statutes shall eliminate confusing language and
make technical changes necessary to improve the accessibility of
6 all provisions pertaining to violence and threatening behavior in
schools. The recodification is not intended to contain
substantive changes to Title 20-A.

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2. **Participation of department.** The Office of Policy and
10 Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes shall
invite the participation of the Department of Education in
12 preparing the proposed recodification.

14 3. **Report.** The Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the
Office of the Revisor of Statutes shall submit the proposed bill
16 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
no later than January 2, 2006.'

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SUMMARY

22 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs
the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the
24 Revisor of Statutes to identify provisions in the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 20-A that pertain to violent and threatening
26 behavior in schools and prepare a bill to make technical changes
and reorganize these provisions for submission to the Second
28 Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.



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An Act To Make Safer Schools

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

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs associated with the proposed recodification and report requirement can be absorbed by the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes utilizing existing budgeted resources. Additional costs to the Department of Education to participate in the proposed recodification can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.