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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 658, L.D. 1741, Bill, "An Act To Encourage Reporting of Potential Fraud in State Government"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §244-D in subsection 3 by striking out all of paragraph A (page 2, lines 2 to 21 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'A. For each complaint under this section, the State Auditor shall submit a written report to the Governor and publish the report on the auditor's publicly accessible website. The report must include a detailed description of the nature of the complaint, the office, bureau or division within the department or any agency that is the subject of the complaint, the determination of potential cost savings, if any, any recommended action and a statement indicating the degree to which the complaint has been substantiated. The report must be submitted no later than 120 days after the State Auditor receives the complaint.'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in §244-D in subsection 3 in paragraph B by striking out all of subparagraph (5) (page 2, lines 38 to 41 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

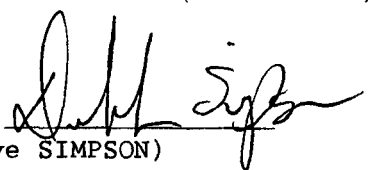
'(5) The number of complaints that have resulted in a determination of potential cost savings and any recommended action; and'

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the State Auditor's reporting requirement concerning substantiated complaints alleging fraud, waste, inefficiency and abuse. It imposes a requirement that the State Auditor publicly report the identification of cost savings as a result of the investigation. The report must include recommendations for any action necessary to achieve the cost savings. The amendment also requires the State Auditor to submit a written report on and publish on the auditor's publicly accessible website all other complaints within 120 days of the receipt of the complaint, indicating the nature of the complaint, the agency that is the subject of the complaint and the degree to which the complaint was substantiated.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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An Act To Encourage Reporting of Potential Fraud in State Government

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Simpson

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund