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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 823, L.D. 1199, Bill, "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee"

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

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, when the Public Access Division and the Public Access Ombudsman were created in statute by Public Law 2007, chapter 603, a sunset of June 30, 2009 was included; and

Whereas, the Public Access Division and the Public Access Ombudsman concept needs to be continued in case funding, other than from the General Fund, is identified; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:

'Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §200-I, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 603, §1, is repealed.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 15.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment adds a section to repeal the sunset on the Public Access Division and the Public Access Ombudsman within the Department of the Attorney General. It adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to make the bill as amended take effect in time to repeal the sunset.

This amendment deletes the section of the bill addressing the confidentiality of credentialing decisions concerning education personnel.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1199

LR 1952(02)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee

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

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Governor's proposed budget for the 2010-2011 biennium, LD 353, includes a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation of \$40,913 in fiscal year 2009-10 and \$43,110 in fiscal year 2010-11 for the part-time Assistant Attorney General position that was created for the Public Access Ombudsman program.