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Amend the bill in Part A by inserting after section 1 the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 1364, L.D. 1843

'Sec. A-2. Application. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12023, subsection 2, the report due pursuant to that subsection on February 1, 2014 must cover the 6-month period from July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.'

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the Board of Licensure in Medicine, the Combat Sports Authority of Maine, the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, and the State Board of Nursing from the list of quasi-independent state entities required to adopt policies and procedures under the bill. It prohibits the quasi-independent state entities in the bill from hiring a lobbyist rather than prohibiting lobbying as in the bill. It clarifies that governing boards filing ongoing reports to the Legislature relating to procurement, contributions and changes made to policies for compliance are for the most recent budget cycle, either for January 1st to December 31st or July 1st to June 30th, depending on the cycle the entity uses. It also clarifies that the report due on February 1, 2014 only covers a 6-month period, from July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. The amendment corrects a reference to these annual reports being required under a subsection rather than a section. The amendment also requires the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to forward the annual reports to the appropriate joint standing committee or committees of the Legislature.

(See attached)



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1843

LR 2791(02)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Quasi-independent State Entities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-831)

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to those quasi-independent state entities impacted by this legislation can be absorbed within each entity's existing budgeted resources.

The Legislature will incur some minor additional costs to distribute the reports from the quasi-independent state entities. Those costs can be absorbed within the Legislature's existing budgeted resources.