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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 351, L.D. 532, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine State Library"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2.

Amend the bill in section 13 in §121 in the first paragraph in the first line (page 3, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "library," the following: 'as defined in section 110, subsection 10.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the section of the bill that modifies the relationship between the Maine State Library and the Department of Education with respect to the school library media section.

This amendment also adds a definition to the confidentiality section of law amended by the bill. The section governs the confidentiality of public library records that identify patrons relative to use of library materials; current law provides confidentiality for local public municipal libraries. The bill removes "municipal" so that all local public libraries are included. The amendment defines "public library" by reference to the definition of that term in the chapter of law governing the regional library system; the definition encompasses any library freely open to the public that serves the needs of all the residents of the area for which its governing body is responsible.