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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 454, L.D. 662, Bill, "An Act Regarding Sexually Explicit Text Messaging by Minors"

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

'Resolve, To Study the Legal and Policy Ramifications of Sexually Explicit Text Messaging by Minors'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Sexually explicit text messaging study. Resolved: That the Criminal Law Advisory Commission under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1351 shall study the legal and policy ramifications of a minor texting a sexually explicit image of that minor or another minor. For purposes of this study, "texting a sexually explicit image" means the act of recording, copying or transmitting images, photographs or videos of a person's breasts, genitals, anus or pubic area using a telephone, computer, camera, memory device or other piece of electronic equipment. As part of its study, the commission shall review Maine and federal laws and laws of other states; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Criminal Law Advisory Commission shall report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, relating to the study under section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters by January 15, 2015.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report. It directs the Criminal Law Advisory Commission to study the legal and policy ramifications of a minor texting a sexually explicit image of that minor or another minor. It also requires the commission to report its findings, recommendations and any proposed legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters by January 15, 2015.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT