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Amendment Name: Amendment CA (H-835) (LD 2038 2020)

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1449, L.D. 2038, “An Act To Ensure the Safety of State Employees By Allowing Disclosure of Certain Information in Limited Circumstances”

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§2, ¶A-2 is enacted to read:

A-2. An administrator of a social media service, to the extent authorized by a court for reporting, investigating or removing a threat or serious intimidation attempt directed against an employee of the department, an employee of the Attorney General's Office, a guardian ad litem or an employee or officer of any court or court system. The information remains confidential, and the social media service may not disclose any of the information provided by the department under this paragraph. For the purposes of this paragraph, "social media service" means an electronic medium or service through which users create, share and view user-generated content that is generally viewable by the public;'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires court authorization for the Department of Health and Human Services to release confidential information related to child protective activities to an administrator of a social media service to report, investigate or remove a threat or serious intimidation attempt directed at a department employee, an employee of the Attorney General's Office, a guardian ad litem, a court employee or an officer of the court, including prosecuting and other attorneys.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2038

LR 3010(02)

An Act To Ensure the Safety of State Employees By Allowing Disclosure of Certain Information in Limited Circumstances

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional filing fees may increase General Fund and other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.