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130TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1351, L.D. 1818, "Resolve, To Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Criminal Records Review Committee"

Amend the resolve by inserting after the title 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, this resolve reestablishes the Criminal Records Review Committee and charges it with a large amount of complex work; and

Whereas, the Criminal Records Review Committee needs as much time as possible to complete its work; 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, be it'

Amend the resolve in section 4 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 22 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "resolve." the following: 'Notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, to the greatest extent possible, the appointing authorities shall reappoint the persons they appointed to the Criminal Records Review Committee under Resolve 2021, chapter 121.'

Amend the resolve by adding before the summary the following:

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

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

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to H.P. 1351, L.D. 1818

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause in order to give the Criminal Records Review Committee as much time as possible to carry out its work.

The amendment directs the appointing authorities to reappoint the same persons appointed to the Criminal Records Review Committee pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 121, to the greatest extent possible, in order to retain the institutional knowledge of the review committee as a whole.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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Resolve, To Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Criminal Records Review Committee

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-782) Committee: Judiciary Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$1,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$2,250 in fiscal year 2022-23. The Legislature's budget for the 2022-2023 biennium includes an estimated \$6,108 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$10,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$31,260 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Departments of Corrections, Health and Human Services and Public Safety associated with serving on the committee can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.