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S.P. 695

In Senate, February 20, 2018

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**An Act To Require Education and Training Regarding Harassment  
for Legislators, Legislative Staff and Lobbyists**

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Reported by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis for the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Order 2017, S.P. 685.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §170-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§170-B. Required training regarding harassment**

4 All Legislators, legislative staff and lobbyists shall attend and complete a course of  
5 in-person education and training regarding harassment, including sexual harassment, at  
6 the beginning of each regular session of the Legislature. The Legislative Council shall  
7 develop and implement this course of education and training. For the purpose of this  
8 section, "lobbyist" has the same meaning as in section 312-A, subsection 10.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill requires Legislators, legislative staff and lobbyists to attend and complete a  
11 course of in-person education and training regarding harassment, including sexual  
12 harassment, at the beginning of each regular session of the Legislature. It requires the  
13 Legislative Council to develop and implement the course.

14 This bill is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local  
15 Government pursuant to Joint Order 2017, Senate Paper 685. The committee has not  
16 taken a position on the substance of the bill and by reporting this bill out the committee is  
17 not suggesting and does not intend to suggest that it agrees or disagrees with any aspect  
18 of this bill. The committee is reporting the bill out for the sole purpose of turning the  
19 draft into a printed bill that can be referred to the committee for an appropriate public  
20 hearing and subsequent processing in the normal course. The committee is taking this  
21 action to ensure clarity and transparency in the legislative review of this bill.