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9 10 11 12	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 1364, L.D. 1843, Bill, "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Quasi-independent State Entities"
13 14	Amend the bill in Part A in section 1 in §12021 in subsection 6 by striking out paragraphs A, C, I and Y.
15 16	Amend the bill in Part A in section 1 in §12021 in subsection 6 by relettering the paragraphs to read consecutively.
17 18	Amend the bill in Part A in section 1 in §12022 by striking out all of subsection 6 (page 3, lines 39 and 40 in L.D.) and inserting the following:
19 20	'6. Lobbyists. May not retain any person, other than entity staff, that is required to register as a lobbyist as defined in Title 3, section 312-A, subsection 10.'
21 22	Amend the bill in Part A in section 1 in §12023 in subsection 2 by inserting at the end 2 new blocked paragraphs to read:
23 24 25	'For the purpose of this subsection, "the preceding year" means either the most recent January 1st to December 31st budget cycle or the most recent July 1st to June 30th budget cycle, depending on the fiscal year that the entity uses.
26 27 28 29 30	Reports to the Legislature required by this subsection must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, the Secretary of the Senate and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council in a manner determined by the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall refer each report to the appropriate joint standing committee or committees of the Legislature.'
31 32	Amend the bill in Part A in section 1 in §12023 by striking out all of the last indented paragraph (page 4, lines 22 to 24 in L.D.)
33	Amend the bill in Part A by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. A-2. Application. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12023, subsection 2, the report due pursuant to that subsection on February 1, 2014 must cover the 6-month period from July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.'

4 SUMMARY

This amendment removes the Board of Licensure in Medicine, the Combat Sports Authority of Maine, the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, and the State Board of Nursing from the list of quasi-independent state entities required to adopt policies and procedures under the bill. It prohibits the quasi-independent state entities in the bill from hiring a lobbyist rather than prohibiting lobbying as in the bill. It clarifies that governing boards filing ongoing reports to the Legislature relating to procurement, contributions and changes made to policies for compliance are for the most recent budget cycle, either for January 1st to December 31st or July 1st to June 30th, depending on the cycle the entity uses. It also clarifies that the report due on February 1, 2014 only covers a 6-month period, from July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. The amendment corrects a reference to these annual reports being required under a subsection rather than a section. The amendment also requires the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to forward the annual reports to the appropriate joint standing committee or committees of the Legislature.