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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 1254, L.D. 1765, Bill, "An Act To Expand and Clarify the Prohibition of Hazing at Elementary Schools, Secondary Schools and Postsecondary Institutions"

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

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §6553, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1999, c. 351, §4, is further amended to read:

A. "Injurious hazing" means any action or situation, including harassing behavior, that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health of any school personnel or a student enrolled in a public school or any activity expected of a student as a condition of joining or maintaining membership in a group that humiliates, degrades, abuses or endangers the student, regardless of the student's willingness to participate in the activity.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRS §10004, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 159, is amended to read:

A. "Injurious hazing" means any action or situation which, including harassing behavior, that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health of any school personnel or a student enrolled at an institution in this State or any activity expected of a student as a condition of joining or maintaining membership in a group that humiliates, degrades, abuses or endangers the student, regardless of the student's willingness to participate in the activity.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill to clarify the definition of hazing to mean any action or situation, including harassing behavior, that recklessly or intentionally

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1 endangers the mental or physical health of any school personnel or a student enrolled in a
2 school or postsecondary institution in the State, or any activity expected of a student as a
3 condition of joining or maintaining membership in a group that humiliates, degrades,
4 abuses or endangers the student, regardless of the student's willingness to participate in
5 the activity.