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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 675, L.D. 961, Bill, “An Act To Ensure Safe School Grounds”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Mandate preamble.** This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §6305 in subsection 3 by striking out all of paragraphs C and D (page 1, lines 32 to 35 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'C. On an athletic field if there is a 14-day period before use of the field after application of the pesticides;

D. On an agricultural field in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions for use of the pesticides for appropriate pest management; or

E. Where bare ground of 25 square feet or greater exists as the result of a problem with pests.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 2. Landscaping design.** The Commissioner of Education shall collaborate with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control to develop standards and guidelines related to school grounds construction that would minimize or avoid the necessity of the use of pesticides on school grounds for new construction. The commissioner and the director of the Board of Pesticides Control shall report on their recommendations for school ground construction standards and guidelines to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by March 15, 2014.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

