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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “      ” to H.P. 70, L.D. 104, “An Act To Protect the Health of Student Athletes by Requiring the Establishment of Procedures To Report Concussions”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Protect the Health of Student Athletes by Requiring the Department of Education To Report on the Incidence of Concussions'

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

'Sec. 1.  20-A MRSA §254, sub-§17, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 688, §1, is amended by enacting a new first blocked paragraph to read:
The commissioner, in consultation with an organization representing school principals, shall report no later than January 31, 2022 and annually thereafter to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs on any available data on the incidence of concussions sustained by student athletes in the State using existing or new data collection systems. The report must include recommendations on best practices for the collection of such data.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Maine Principals' Association or successor organization, to report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs on any available data on the incidence of concussions sustained by student athletes in the State using existing or new
data collection systems. The report must include any recommendations on best practices for the collection of concussion data.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)