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MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Require Committees and Subcommittees of the Board of Trustees
of the University of Maine and of the Maine Maritime Academy to Hold
Open Meetings.**

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA § 402, sub-§ 2, ¶ B, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 758, is amended to read:

B. Any board or commission of any state agency or authority, the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine and any of its committees and subcommittees, the administrative council of the University of Maine, the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy and any of its committees and subcommittees; and

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA § 402, sub-§ 3, ¶ E, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 758, is amended to read:

E. Records, working papers, interoffice and intraoffice memoranda used by or prepared for ~~subcommittees of the University of Maine Board of Trustees, Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy, or~~ faculty and administrative committees of ~~both institutions~~ the Maine Maritime Academy and the University of Maine. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to the boards of trustees, the committees and subcommittees of those boards, and the administrative council of the University of Maine, which are referred to in section 402, subsection 2, paragraph B.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this new draft is to ensure that the committees of the Maine Maritime Academy and the committees and the administrative council of the

University of Maine are covered by the Right to Know Law. The administrative council, created by Private and Special Law 1967, chapter 229, section 3, is composed of each of the separate institution heads. This new draft also retains the exclusion from the definition of "public records" of the records, working papers and memoranda of the faculty and administrative committees of the University of Maine and the Maine Maritime Academy.