

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 28, 1991

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative O'DEA of Orono.

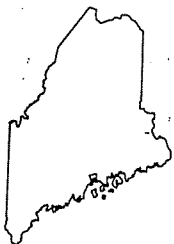
Cosponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland and Representative CAHILL of Mattawamkeag.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Laws to Include the 7
Campuses of the University of Maine System as Part of State
Government.**

(EMERGENCY)



2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 Whereas, access to public records of the University of Maine
System is vital to students and the public; and

8 Whereas, the public is currently precluded from access to
those records; and

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12 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
14 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

20 **1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶E,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1989,
c. 878, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

22 E. Records, working papers, interoffice and intraoffice
24 memoranda used by or prepared for faculty and administrative
committees of the Maine Maritime Academy, and the Maine
26 Technical College System ~~and the University of Maine System.~~
The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to the boards
28 of trustees and the committees and subcommittees of those
boards, which are referred to in subsection 2, paragraph B;

30 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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38 Public records of the University of Maine System are
currently excepted from the freedom of access laws. This bill
removes that exception.

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