

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 604

H.P. 421

House of Representatives, February 13, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Audit and Program Review suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MANNING of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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An Act to Redefine the Term "Committee" in the Maine Sunset Act.

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

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3 Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §923, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 483,  
4 Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

6 2. **Committee.** "Committee" means the joint standing  
7 committee of the Legislature having subject matter jurisdiction  
8 over ~~audit and program review matters~~ any agency or independent  
9 agency that is subject to review pursuant to this chapter.

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11 Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §925, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 483,  
12 Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

14 1. **Objectives.** For each agency and independent agency  
15 subject to review pursuant to this chapter, the committee may  
16 conduct an analysis ~~which shall include~~ that includes, but is not  
17 be limited to, an evaluation of the justification report and the  
18 extent to which the legislative mandate and objectives of the  
19 agency or independent agency have been achieved. The Legislative  
20 Council shall provide the committee with assistance as required  
21 for the purposes of this subsection in accordance with section  
22 932.

24 Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §933 is enacted to read:

26 §933. Committee staff

28 The Legislative Council shall provide a permanent full-time  
29 staff to serve the committee for the purposes of this chapter.

### 32 STATEMENT OF FACT

34 This bill redefines the term "committee" in the Maine Sunset  
35 Act to mean the joint standing committee of the Legislature  
36 having subject matter jurisdiction over any agency or independent  
37 agency subject to review. The Maine Sunset Act currently defines  
38 the term "committee" to mean the joint standing committee of the  
39 Legislature having jurisdiction over audit and program review  
40 matters. The bill also requires the Legislative Council to  
41 provide a permanent full-time staff to serve the joint standing  
42 committees. The staff is already in place as the staff for the  
43 Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review.