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An Act to Provide the Maine Legislature with Additional Financial Information.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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MAY M. ROSS Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo. Cosponsored by Senator: ABROMSON of Cumberland, Representatives: AULT of Wayne, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, SIMONEAU of Thomaston.

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

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Whereas, the Legislature lacks electronic access to the budget management system; and

8 Whereas, the budget management system contains financial information important to the review and analysis of budgets in State Government; and 10

12 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 14 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 16. safety; now, therefore,

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

20 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1667-A is enacted to read:

22 <u>§1667-A. Access to budget management system data</u>

24 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Budget Officer shall provide the Office of Fiscal and Program Review with electronic access, including report-writing capabilities, to 26 all aspects of the budget management system, except for those specific aspects of the system involved in budget recommendations 28 that have been made or are being considered by the Governor or 30 Governor-elect but have not yet been transmitted to the Legislature. For purposes of this section, "budget management system" includes information used by the Bureau of the Budget to 32 develop, analyze and review budgeted and actual revenue and expenditure information. 34

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

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The budget management system contains information used by the Bureau of the Budget to develop, analyze and review budgeted and actual revenue and expenditure information. 44

This bill provides the Legislature, through the Office of 46 Fiscal and Program Review, with access to all aspects of the budget management system except those parts related to the 48 Governor's or Governor-elect's draft or actual budget that have not yet been submitted the 50 recommendations to Legislature.