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An Act Regarding the Budget Process for the Legislative Youth Advisory Council

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

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Presented by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro. Cosponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo and Representatives: PARADIS of Frenchville, TARDY of Newport, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 2 Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §168-A, sub-§10, as amended by PL 2003, c. 20, 4 Pt. F, $\S3$, is further amended to read: Staff. The Edmund-S.-Muskie-School-of-Public-Service 6 10. Legislative Council shall provide funding-and staff assistance to 8 the council from within its existing budgeted resources or from any grants received by the school Legislative Council for that 10 purpose. The Office-of-Policy and Legal-Analysis staff assigned by the Legislative Council shall draft all legislation submitted to the Legislature by the council. Legislative Council staffing 12 may be suspended during periods when the Legislature is in 14 regular or special session. 16 Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §168-A, sub-§11 is enacted to read: 18 11. Funding. The Legislative Council may seek outside funds to fund costs of the council. Contributions to support the 20 work of the youth council may not be accepted from any party having a pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the 22 matters being studied or who would in any way compromise the work of the council. Any person, other than a state agency, desiring 24 to make a financial or in-kind contribution must certify to the Legislative Council or its designee in the manner prescribed by 26 the Legislative Council that the person has no pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the work of the council. 28 All contributions are subject to approval by the Legislative Council or its designee. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council administers any funds received by the youth 30 council. The executive director shall notify the chairs of the youth council of the status of the funding on or before December 32 1st annually what funding is available for the immediately 34 following calendar year. Sec. 3. Budget. 36 The Legislative Youth Advisory Council, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 168-A, shall work with the Executive Director of the Legislative 38 Council to develop a budget for the youth council. The budget

Council to develop a budget for the youth council. The budget
must be submitted to the Executive Director of the Legislative
Council within 60 days of the effective date of this Act. The
Legislative Council shall pay reasonable expenses of members who are Legislators to attend authorized meetings of the youth
council. All other expenses must be paid for from the youth council's budget. The youth council may not incur any expense
that would cause the youth council to exceed its budgeted resources.

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Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

2 UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

4 Legislative Youth Advisory Council

Initiative: Provides funds to pay for staffing and other
 expenses incurred through involvement with the Legislative Youth
 Advisory Council.

10	GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
	All Other	\$12,000	\$12,000
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	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,000	\$12,000

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SUMMARY

18 This bill authorizes the Legislative Council to seek outside sources of funding for the Legislative Youth Advisory Council and eliminates the requirement on the part of the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service to provide funding for the youth council. The bill also directs the youth council to prepare a budget with the help of the Executive Director of the Legislative 24 Council, to be submitted to the Legislative Council.