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STATE OF MAINE
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122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1503, L.D. 2111, Bill, "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Freedom of Access Advisory Committee"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §411 by inserting at the end the following:

'11. Repeal. This section is repealed 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of 123rd Legislature.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 3 by inserting at the end the following new sentence: 'This subsection is repealed 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following:

'Sec. 8. Advisory committee budget. The Right To Know Advisory Committee, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, shall seek outside funds to fully fund all costs of the advisory committee for fiscal year 2007-08. If sufficient outside funding has not been received by July 1, 2007 to fully fund all costs of the advisory committee in fiscal year 2007-08, no meetings are authorized and no expenses of any kind may be incurred or reimbursed. Contributions to support the work of the advisory committee may not be accepted from any party having a pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the matters being studied. Any person, other than a state agency, desiring to make a financial or in-kind contribution must certify to the Legislative Council that it has no pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the study. The certification

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2 must be made in the manner prescribed by the Legislative
3 Council. All contributions are subject to approval by the
4 Legislative Council. All funds accepted must be forwarded to the
5 Executive Director of the Legislative Council along with an
6 accounting record that includes the amount of the funds, the date
7 the funds were received, from whom the funds were received and
8 the purpose of and any limitation on the use of the funds. The
9 Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer
10 any funds received by the advisory committee. The Executive
11 Director of the Legislative Council shall notify the chair of the
12 advisory committee when sufficient funding has been received.
13 Within 10 days after its first meeting, the advisory committee
14 shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative
15 Council for its approval. The advisory committee may not incur
16 expenses that would result in the advisory committee's exceeding
its approved budget.'

18 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
19 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
20 consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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25 This amendment repeals the authority for the Right To Know
26 Advisory Committee 90 days after adjournment of the Second
27 Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature. The first year funding
28 will come from the preexisting legislative study budget for
29 fiscal year 2006-07 only. The amendment requires that for the
30 next fiscal year the advisory committee fully fund its activities
31 through outside funding sources.

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35 SPONSORED BY: JL Gagnon
36 (Senator GAGNON)

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COUNTY: Kennebec

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)

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Approved: 04/25/06 *MAC*

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LR 3212(03)

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Freedom of Access Advisory Committee

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Gagnon

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Two year study, not ongoing

Legislative Study

This amendment changes the advisory committee from an ongoing Title 5 commission to a two year study. The projected General Fund cost for the per diem and expenses of the advisory committee is \$4,040 in fiscal year 2006-07 and will come from the Legislature's existing study budget. The fiscal year 2007-08 cost of \$4,040 will be funded from Other Special Revenue Funds if sufficient funds are received to support all costs of the advisory committee.