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An Act To Disclose Legislative Spending

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §163-A, sub-§12**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 501, Pt. B, §5, is
3 amended to read:

4 **12. Statement of costs.** To prepare statements pertaining to the existence of cost or
5 the amount of cost to municipalities or counties for implementing or complying with a
6 proposed law. The statement of cost ~~shall~~ must be made within the limits of information
7 provided to the office designated by the Legislative Council as having responsibility for
8 financial analysis. The statements ~~shall~~ must be furnished to the appropriate committee
9 for the information of its members and for inclusion in bills ~~which that~~ receive an ought
10 to pass report when reported by the committee. A statement ~~shall is not be~~ necessary for
11 any bill ~~which that~~ has no cost to municipalities or counties; ~~and~~

12 **Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §163-A, sub-§13**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 501, Pt. B, §5, is
13 amended to read:

14 **13. Other duties.** To undertake such other duties as are assigned by the Executive
15 Director; and

16 **Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §163-A, sub-§14** is enacted to read:

17 **14. Public spending information.** To post and maintain on the publicly accessible
18 website of the Legislature a detailed disclosure of legislative spending by line item and
19 comparative data of legislative spending by other rural states' legislatures.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill requires a detailed, line-item disclosure of the money spent by the
22 Legislature to be posted on the Legislature's publicly accessible website along with
23 comparative data from other rural states' legislatures.