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An Act To Resolve Unfunded State Mandates

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs 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 HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAUDOIN of Biddeford,
PILON of Saco, VALENTINO of Saco.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1877-A, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

3 **5. Unfunded state mandates.** The commissioner shall develop and maintain a list
4 of unfunded state mandates imposed upon political subdivisions of the State. By January
5 15th of each first regular session of the Legislature, the commissioner shall submit to the
6 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and
7 financial affairs legislation to repeal each state mandate that remains unfunded.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to
10 maintain a list of unfunded state mandates that have been imposed by act of the
11 Legislature on towns, cities, counties and other units of government. In the same manner
12 that the Secretary of State must submit legislation to repeal inactive boards each first
13 regular session, the commissioner is required to submit legislation to repeal the unfunded
14 state mandates to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
15 appropriations and financial affairs each Legislature.