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An Act To Require Expense Reporting by Municipalities and Counties

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

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Presented by Representative COTTA of China.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, CEBRA of Naples, CRAY of Palmyra, FLETCHER of Winslow, TIBBETTS of Columbia, WEAVER of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §383, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

3 **5. Expenses.** A municipality and county shall include in the return and lists required
4 by subsection 1 the municipality's or county's expenses. The following expenses must be
5 included in the return and lists: police; fire, including locations of fire departments;
6 economic development; transportation, including the number of road miles the town or
7 county is responsible for; code enforcement; education; parks and recreation; health and
8 welfare; assessor; administration; clerk; public works; and trash and recycling. If a
9 municipality or county has a publicly accessible website, the information required by this
10 subsection must be posted on the publicly accessible website. A municipality or county
11 shall indicate on the expense list what portion of each expense is funded by property
12 taxes, revenue sharing, federal funds, state funds or other revenues.

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SUMMARY

14 This bill requires a municipality and county to report expenses on the annual return
15 that an assessor must file with the State Tax Assessor. The bill also requires a
16 municipality or county that has a publicly accessible website to post this list on its
17 publicly accessible website.