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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
125TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1331, L.D. 1805, Bill, "An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning a Public Records Exception for Proposed Legislation, Reports and Working Papers of the Governor"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Concerning the Public Records Exception for Gubernatorial and Legislative Working Papers'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶C, as amended by PL 1991, c. 773, §2, is repealed.'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. 4 MRSA §1701, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 451, §1, is amended to read:

7. Meeting; quorum; concurrence. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall call the first meeting of the commission no later than 5 days after the appointments are made. For all subsequent meetings, the commission shall meet, either in person or by teleconference, on the call of the chair or on the request of at least 2 members. The presence of at least 2 members is required to conduct a meeting. The concurrence of at least 2 members is required for any formal action taken by the commission. ~~The working papers, draft reports and other papers of the commission in the possession of a legislative employee are excepted from the definition of public records in accordance with Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, paragraph C.~~

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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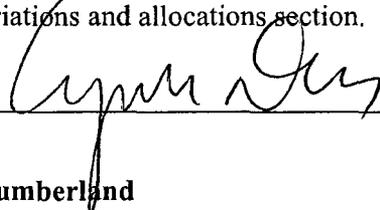
1 Initiative: Provides funds for one additional clerical position to handle the projected
2 increase in the number of requests for information resulting from the repeal of
3 confidentiality for certain legislative records.

4	GENERAL FUND	2011-12	2012-13
5	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
6	Personal Services	\$0	\$44,239
7	All Other	\$0	\$1,500
8			
9	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$45,739</u>

11 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter
12 or section number to read consecutively.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This amendment maintains the provisions of Committee Amendment "A" and repeals
15 the public records exception that applies to legislative working papers and other records.
16 It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

17 **SPONSORED BY:** 
18 **(Senator DILL)**
19 **COUNTY: Cumberland**

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 1805

LR 2687(05)

An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning a Public Records Exception for Proposed Legislation, Reports and Working Papers of the Governor

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" S-531

Sponsor: Sen. Dill of Cumberland

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$45,739	\$63,434	\$66,531
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$45,739	\$63,434	\$66,531

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Legislature will incur additional costs and require additional clerical staff to respond to requests for certain legislative documents. This amendment includes an appropriation of \$45,739 in fiscal year 2012-13 for one additional clerical position and related All Other expenses to handle the increased workload.