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House of Representatives, March 2, 2017

An Act To Ensure Transparency in Public Union Negotiations

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, HANLEY of Pittston, KINNEY of Limington,
LOCKMAN of Amherst, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PIERCE of Dresden, Senator: HAMPER of
Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 334, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 F. Any advisory organization, including any authority, board, commission,
5 committee, council, task force or similar organization of an advisory nature,
6 established, authorized or organized by law or resolve or by Executive Order issued
7 by the Governor and not otherwise covered by this subsection, unless the law, resolve
8 or Executive Order establishing, authorizing or organizing the advisory organization
9 specifically exempts the organization from the application of this subchapter; ~~and~~

10 **Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 334, §3, is
11 amended to read:

12 G. The committee meetings, subcommittee meetings and full membership meetings
13 of any association that:

14 (1) Promotes, organizes or regulates statewide interscholastic activities in public
15 schools or in both public and private schools; and

16 (2) Receives its funding from the public and private school members, either
17 through membership dues or fees collected from those schools based on the
18 number of participants of those schools in interscholastic activities.

19 This paragraph applies to only those meetings pertaining to interscholastic sports and
20 does not apply to any meeting or any portion of any meeting the subject of which is
21 limited to personnel issues, allegations of interscholastic athletic rule violations by
22 member schools, administrators, coaches or student athletes or the eligibility of an
23 individual student athlete or coach; ~~and~~

24 **Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶H** is enacted to read:

25 H. All collective bargaining meetings between a public employer and a collective
26 bargaining unit conducted pursuant to Title 26, chapters 9-A, 9-B and 14.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill amends the Freedom of Access Act by making collective bargaining
29 meetings between public employers and a collective bargaining unit conducted pursuant
30 to the municipal public employees labor relations laws, the state employees labor
31 relations laws or the judicial employees labor relations laws public proceedings under the
32 Act and therefore subject to the open meeting and notice requirements of the Act.