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9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to H.P. 1305, L.D. 1872, Bill, "An Act T Enhance the Operations of the Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council"					
11 12	Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause th following:					
13 14	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do no become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and					
15 16 17	Whereas, provisions in this legislation relating to funding levels for telecommunications relay services need to be in place before contracts to provid telecommunication relay services are scheduled to be executed in June 2018; and					
18 19 20 21	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation a immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now therefore,'					
22 23 24	Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 7 in paragraph A in the 14th line (page 1 line 37 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "annually," the following: 'in quarter installments'					
25 26	Amend the bill in section 6 in §8704 in subsection 6 in the 4th line (page 4, line 44 i L.D.) by inserting after the following: "transfer funds" the following: 'quarterly'					
27	Amend the bill in section 6 in §8704 by inserting after subsection 6 the following:					
28	7. Conflicts. A member of the council may not participate in any decision on an					
29	contract entered into by the council under this section if that member has any interest					
30	direct or indirect, in any firm, partnership, corporation or association that is party to the					
31 32	<u>contract. The interest must be disclosed to the council in writing and must be set forth</u> the minutes of the council.					
33 34	8. Report. Beginning December 1, 2019 and annually thereafter, the council sha					
34	submit a report to the Public Utilities Commission that details the activities of the					

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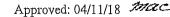
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1 2	council, including all the expenditures the council has made from the fund and how all vendors that the council contracts with for services were selected.							
3	Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:							
4 5	'Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.							
6	TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES COUNCIL							
7	Telecommunications Relay Services Council Fund N288							
8 9	Initiative: Provides allocations for the annual budget for the Telecommunications Relay Services Council.							
10 11 12	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS 2017-18 2018-19 All Other \$150,000 \$600,000							
12 13 14	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$150,000 \$600,000							
15	Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:							
16 17	'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'							
18	SUMMARY							
19 20	This amendment is the majority report of the committee and it makes the following changes to the bill.							
21	1. It adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.							
22 23 24	2. It specifies that the annual budget request of the Telecommunications Relay Services Council is to be transferred to the Telecommunications Relay Services Council Fund on a quarterly basis by the Public Utilities Commission.							
25	3. It adds a conflict of interest provision.							
26 27 28	4. It adds a reporting requirement that directs the council to submit an annual report to the Public Utilities Commission that details the activities of the council and council expenditures and vendor selections.							
29	The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.							
30	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED							
31	(See attached)							

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An Act To Enhance the Operations of the Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A'(H-758) Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$150,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill changes the name of the Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council to the Telecommunications Relay Services Council (TRSC). Currently, TRSC members are not authorized to receive compensation or reimbursement for expenses. This bill authorizes reimbursement for member expenses and the cost of holding public meetings. The bill also requires the PUC to forward the annual budget amount requested by the TRSC, now capped at \$600,000, to the TRSC in quarterly installments without changing the amount requested. Funding is from the Maine Universal Service Fund, just as it is under current law and will be credited to the newly created Telecommunications Relay Services Council Fund. The bill includes allocations to the TRSC of \$150,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$600,000 in fiscal year 2018-19. Finally, the bill grants an exemption to the TRSC from certain state purchasing rules related to competitive bidding.