

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 11, 2019

**An Act To Increase the Transparency of the "Maine Open
Checkbook" Website**

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: KRYZAK of Acton, ORDWAY of Standish, STETKIS of Canaan.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1546-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§1546-A. Publicly accessible website**

4 The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of the State
5 Controller shall maintain a publicly accessible website with up-to-date information
6 concerning the State's payroll and vendor information and shall include the names of all
7 recipients of state grants and track and record all payments made by quasi-public entities
8 of the State and the dollar value of credits awarded through all state economic
9 development programs.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill requires the State Controller to maintain a publicly accessible website with
12 up-to-date information concerning the State's payroll and vendor information, which is
13 currently in existence and called the "Maine Open Checkbook." The bill requires the
14 website to include the names of all recipients of state grants and track and record all
15 payments made by quasi-public entities of the State and the dollar value of credits
16 awarded through all state economic development programs.