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House of Representatives, February 16, 2021

### An Act To Reestablish the State Planning Office

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BAILEY of Gorham.  
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and  
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, COPELAND of Saco, DOORE of Augusta,  
HARNETT of Gardiner, PAULHUS of Bath, RISEMAN of Harrison, SACHS of Freeport,  
WARREN of Hallowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 311-A** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 311-A**

4 **STATE PLANNING OFFICE**

5 **§3309. State Planning Office**

6 **1. Office established.** The State Planning Office is established within the Office of  
7 the Governor and is directly responsible to the Governor.

8 **2. Purpose.** The State Planning Office shall:

9 A. Advise the Governor on developing and implementing policy;

10 B. Assist the Legislature with information and analysis; and

11 C. Administer financial and technical assistance programs to help build sustainable  
12 communities.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill reestablishes the State Planning Office, eliminated in 2012, within the Office  
15 of the Governor. The State Planning Office has 3 core functions: to advise the Governor  
16 on developing and implementing policy; to assist the Legislature with information and  
17 analysis; and to administer financial and technical assistance programs to help build  
18 sustainable communities.