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L.D. 1345

Date: 6-14-21

(Filing No. H-593)

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 996, L.D. 1345, "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**Mandate preamble.** This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds a mandate preamble to the bill, which ensures that public officials engage in Freedom of Access Act training. The training, which is required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 412, can be completed quickly and will help local government officials comply with the Freedom of Access Act.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1345

LR 2021(02)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *(ACH-593)*

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

### State Mandates

**Required Activity**

Expands the list of municipal and school unit officials who must receive training under the freedom of access laws.

**Unit Affected**

Municipality  
School

**Local Cost**

Insignificant  
statewide

Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional costs.

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

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