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S.P. 491

In Senate, March 14, 2023

**An Act to Provide That Documents Obtained by Subpoena by the
Government Oversight Committee May Be Reviewed by Committee
Members and Staff**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls and
Senator: KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: MILLETT of Waterford, MORRIS of Turner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §994, sub-§11**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 104, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **11. Information available to committee.** To receive certain information.
5 ~~Information~~ Except as provided in subsection 11-A, information that is made available to
6 the committee is governed by chapter 21, which governs legislative investigating
7 committees, and by Title 1, chapter 13, which governs public records and proceedings; ~~and~~

8 **Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §994, sub-§11-A** is enacted to read:

9 **11-A. Information received from subpoena.** To receive papers or records received
10 as a result of a subpoena pursuant to subsection 8. Notwithstanding any provision of law
11 to the contrary, papers or records received by the committee under this subsection are
12 confidential; and

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that the Government Oversight Committee has access to papers or
15 records received as a result of a subpoena and that those papers or records are exempt from
16 public disclosure.