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An Act To Identify the Methodology Used To Develop a Fiscal Note

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §163-A, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 501, Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

10. Collection of fiscal information. To collect and assemble factual information concerning the fiscal affairs of the State for the use of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs of the Legislature in formulating its proposals for appropriations and to collect and assemble fiscal information concerning other revenue funds for the use of any joint standing committee in formulating proposals for allocation acts. Any fiscal note prepared by legislative staff to be attached to any legislative document or amendment must identify the methodology used to develop the note and an analysis of the methodology, including a statement of why that particular methodology was used;

SUMMARY

This bill requires each fiscal note attached to a legislative document or an amendment to identify the methodology used to develop the note and an analysis of the methodology, including a statement of why that particular methodology was used.