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An Act To Require Expense Reporting by Municipalities and Counties

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §383, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Expenses. A municipality and county shall include in the return and lists required by subsection 1 the municipality's or county's expenses. The following expenses must be included in the return and lists: police; fire, including locations of fire departments; economic development; transportation, including the number of road miles the town or county is responsible for; code enforcement; education; parks and recreation; health and welfare; assessor; administration; clerk; public works; and trash and recycling. If a municipality or county has a publicly accessible website, the information required by this subsection must be posted on the publicly accessible website. A municipality or county shall indicate on the expense list what portion of each expense is funded by property taxes, revenue sharing, federal funds, state funds or other revenues.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a municipality and county to report expenses on the annual return that an assessor must file with the State Tax Assessor. The bill also requires a municipality or county that has a publicly accessible website to post this list on its publicly accessible website.