



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1465

LR 897(05)

## An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Freedom of Access

### Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-514)

S "A" (S-599) to C "A" (S-514)

Committee: Judiciary

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$44,067	\$43,234	\$44,436
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$44,067	\$43,234	\$44,436

#### State Mandates

##### Required Activity

Designate and train a Public Access Officer; provide copies of public records when requested.

##### Unit Affected

County  
Municipality

##### Local Cost

Moderate  
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

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$44,067 in fiscal year 2012-13 for the Department of the Attorney General to increase a part-time Assistant Attorney General position to a full-time Public Access Ombudsman position to assist in compliance with the State's freedom of access laws. Any additional costs to other state agencies are expected to be minimal and can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.