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An Act To Change the Harassment Prevention Training Required for Legislators, Legislative Staff and Lobbyists

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

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Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: FECTEAU of Augusta, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MAREAN of Hollis, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, PLUECKER of Warren, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec.

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

2 Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §170-B, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 443, §1, is amended to read:

3 §170-B. Required training regarding harassment

All Legislators, legislative staff and lobbyists shall attend and complete a course of in-person education and training regarding harassment, including sexual harassment and racial harassment, at the beginning of each regular session of the Legislature. The Legislative Council shall develop and implement this course of education and training. For the purpose of this section, "lobbyist" has the same meaning as in section 312-A, subsection 10.

10 SUMMARY

11 This bill expands the scope of harassment prevention training required for 12 Legislators, legislative staff and lobbyists to include racial harassment.