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**An Act To Strengthen the Coequal Branches of Maine Government
by Ensuring the Legislature Has Access to Necessary Information**

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TUELL of East Machias.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, COREY of Windham, FECTEAU of Augusta, GRIFFIN of Levant, KINNEY of Knox, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PICKETT of Dixfield, STEARNS of Guilford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §21203** is enacted to read:

3 **§21203. Sharing information**

4 The Governor may not limit the Legislature's access to department commissioners or
5 other executive branch personnel when the Legislature is seeking information necessary
6 for the Legislature to do the work of the people of Maine.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill amends the chapter of the Maine Revised Statutes concerning interbranch
9 communication and coordination to prohibit the Governor from limiting access to
10 department commissioners and other executive branch personnel when the Legislature is
11 seeking information necessary for the Legislature to do the work of the people of Maine.