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### An Act to Improve Legislative Access to Public Information

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk and  
Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §408-A, sub-§13** is enacted to read:

3 **13. Request from Legislators; expedited process.** Notwithstanding subsection 3, if  
4 a request for a public record is submitted pursuant to this section by at least 3 Legislators,  
5 the agency or official having custody or control of the public record shall comply with the  
6 request within 20 working days after the request is received, as determined pursuant to  
7 subsection 3. For purposes of this subsection, at least 3 of the Legislators submitting the  
8 request must be members of the Legislature's government oversight committee and at least  
9 one of those 3 members is the Senate or House of Representatives chair.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill amends the Freedom of Access Act by requiring a request submitted by 3 or  
12 more Legislators to be complied with within 20 working days as long as at least 3 of the  
13 Legislators are members of the Legislature's government oversight committee and one of  
14 those 3 members is one of the chairs of that committee. Current law requires the agency  
15 or official receiving the request to make a good faith effort to comply with the request  
16 within a nonbinding estimate of time provided by the agency or official.