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**An Act To Promote Legislative Oversight of Federal COVID-19
Relief Funds**

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §744, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

3 **9. Application.** This section does not apply to federal funds received under section
4 746.

5 **Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §746** is enacted to read:

6 **§746. Federal funds received due to the COVID-19 pandemic**

7 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 744 and Title 5, section 1669, an expenditure
8 proposed by the Governor from discretionary funds not otherwise earmarked for use by the
9 State that are received directly by the State from the Federal Government due to the
10 pandemic related to coronavirus disease 2019, also known as Covid-19, following the
11 effective date of this section must be approved by a majority vote of both houses of the
12 Legislature.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill requires that an expenditure proposed by the Governor from discretionary
15 funds not otherwise earmarked for use by the State that are received directly by the State
16 from the Federal Government due to the COVID-19 pandemic following the effective date
17 of this Act must be approved by a majority vote of both houses of the Legislature.