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Majority report

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “.” To LD 2102, An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee**

Amend the bill by inserting before Section 1 the following:

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §411, sub-§1** is amended to read:

**1. Advisory committee established.** The Right To Know Advisory Committee, referred to in this chapter as "the advisory committee," is established to serve as a resource for ensuring compliance with this chapter and upholding the integrity of the purposes underlying this chapter as it applies to all public entities in the conduct of the public's business. Appointments to the advisory committee must take into consideration the racial and ethnic diversity of the State.

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**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §411, sub-§2** is amended to read:

**2. Membership.** The advisory committee consists of the following members:

A. One Senator who is a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters, appointed by the President of the Senate;

B. One member of the House of Representatives who is a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

C. One representative of municipal interests, appointed by the Governor;

D. One representative of county or regional interests, appointed by the President of the Senate;

E. One representative of school interests, appointed by the Governor;

F. One representative of law enforcement interests, appointed by the President of the Senate;

- G. One representative of the interests of State Government, appointed by the Governor;
- H. One representative of a statewide coalition of advocates of freedom of access, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- I. One representative of newspaper and other press interests, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- J. One representative of newspaper publishers, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- K. Two representatives of broadcasting interests, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- L. Two representatives of the public, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- M. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee; and
- N. One member with broad experience in and understanding of issues and costs in multiple areas of information technology, including practical applications concerning creation, storage, retrieval and accessibility of electronic records; use of communication technologies to support meetings, including teleconferencing and Internet-based conferencing; databases for records management and reporting; and information technology system development and support, appointed by the Governor.

The advisory committee shall invite the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to designate a member of the judicial branch to serve as a member of the committee.

Appointments to the advisory committee must take into consideration the racial and ethnic diversity of the State.

Amend the bill to add after Section 6 the appropriation/allocation section.

Amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

Amend the bill to add the fiscal note.

## SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

This amendment revises the establishment of the Right to Know Advisory Committee by explicitly stating that the appointments to the advisory committee must take into consideration the racial and ethnic diversity of the State.

This amendment includes an appropriation to establish a fund to reimburse municipalities for the costs required to meet the training requirements for the additional municipal officials listed in the bill. This amendment adds the fiscal note.