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## **An Act To Improve Hospital Transparency**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 334, §2, is further amended to read:

F. Any advisory organization, including any authority, board, commission, committee, council, task force or similar organization of an advisory nature, established, authorized or organized by law or resolve or by Executive Order issued by the Governor and not otherwise covered by this subsection, unless the law, resolve or Executive Order establishing, authorizing or organizing the advisory organization specifically exempts the organization from the application of this subchapter; and

**Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 334, §3, is amended to read:

G. The committee meetings, subcommittee meetings and full membership meetings of any association that:

(1) Promotes, organizes or regulates statewide interscholastic activities in public schools or in both public and private schools; and

(2) Receives its funding from the public and private school members, either through membership dues or fees collected from those schools based on the number of participants of those schools in interscholastic activities.

This paragraph applies to only those meetings pertaining to interscholastic sports and does not apply to any meeting or any portion of any meeting the subject of which is limited to personnel issues, allegations of interscholastic athletic rule violations by member schools, administrators, coaches or student athletes or the eligibility of an individual student athlete or coach; and

**Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶H** is enacted to read:

H. An organization and any board, commission, committee, subcommittee or wholly or partially owned subsidiary of that organization if the organization receives over \$250,000 annually in public funds for medical services and provides medical services as its primary function.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill makes medical organizations that receive over \$250,000 annually in public funds for medical services subject to the freedom of access laws.