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**An Act to Provide That Documents Obtained by Subpoena by the  
Government Oversight Committee May Be Reviewed by Committee  
Members and Staff**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls and  
Senator: KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: MILLETT of Waterford, MORRIS of Turner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §994, sub-§11**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 104, §2, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **11. Information available to committee.** To receive certain information.  
5 ~~Information~~ Except as provided in subsection 11-A, information that is made available to  
6 the committee is governed by chapter 21, which governs legislative investigating  
7 committees, and by Title 1, chapter 13, which governs public records and proceedings; ~~and~~

8 **Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §994, sub-§11-A** is enacted to read:

9 **11-A. Information received from subpoena.** To receive papers or records received  
10 as a result of a subpoena pursuant to subsection 8. Notwithstanding any provision of law  
11 to the contrary, papers or records received by the committee under this subsection are  
12 confidential; and

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that the Government Oversight Committee has access to papers or  
15 records received as a result of a subpoena and that those papers or records are exempt from  
16 public disclosure.