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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 642, L.D. 868, Bill, “An Act To Require That the Terms of a Settlement to Which a Local Unit of Government Is a Party Be Made Available to the Public”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Require That the Terms of a Settlement to Which a Governmental Entity is a Party Be Made Available to the Public'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §8109, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Settlement agreement public record.** Except for information that is designated confidential by statute or that is not a public record under Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, a settlement agreement entered into by a governmental entity under this section, including a payment by an insurer of the governmental entity, is a public record.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill to make clear that a settlement agreement entered into by any governmental entity is a public record, except for any information in the agreement that is confidential by statute or is described by one of the exceptions to the definition of public record in the Freedom of Access Act.