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House of Representatives, March 3, 2015

**An Act To Improve the Transparency of Decision-making Bodies of
Publicly Funded Hospitals**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STUCKEY of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, HAMANN of South Portland.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 H. The governing board of a general hospital, as defined in Title 22, section 7932,
26 subsection 2-A, that receives payments and reimbursements from the State
27 Government and the Federal Government that total more than 50% of the general
28 hospital's gross operating revenues in the general hospital's prior fiscal year.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill provides that meetings of a general hospital's governing board are public if
31 that hospital receives more than 50% of its gross operating revenues in the form of
32 payments and reimbursements from the State Government and the Federal Government in
33 its prior fiscal year.