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An Act To Require Interscholastic Athletic Organizations To Comply with the Public Proceedings Provisions of the Freedom of Access Laws for Certain Meetings

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 1995, c. 608, §2, is further amended to read:

E. The board of directors of a nonprofit, nonstock private corporation that provides statewide noncommercial public broadcasting services and any of its committees and subcommittees; and

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 608, §3, is 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. 3. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶G is enacted 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.

Sec. 4. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Public records of interscholastic athletic organizations. Any records or minutes of meetings under subsection 2, paragraph G are public records.

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