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Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

‘**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** when the Public Access Division and the Public Access Ombudsman were created in statute by Public Law 2007, chapter 603, a sunset of June 30, 2009 was included; and

**Whereas,** the Public Access Division and the Public Access Ombudsman concept needs to be continued in case funding, other than from the General Fund, is identified; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,’

Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:

‘**Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §200-I, sub-§6,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 603, §1, is repealed.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 15.

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

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

‘**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.’

## SUMMARY

This amendment adds a section to repeal the sunset on the Public Access Division and the Public Access Ombudsman within the Department of the Attorney General. It adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to make the bill as amended take effect in time to repeal the sunset.

This amendment deletes the section of the bill addressing the confidentiality of credentialing decisions concerning education personnel.