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An Act To Encourage Transparency in the Oversight of Interscholastic Activities

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. Any association that oversees interscholastic activities in public or private schools in this State that receives its funding from those public or private schools, either through membership dues or fees collected from those schools or from the participation of those schools in interscholastic activities.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the definition of "public proceedings" under the freedom of access laws to require an association that oversees interscholastic activities in public or private schools and that receives funding from those schools to provide public access to the transaction of any functions of that association affecting a citizen of the State.