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An Act To Provide Transparency Concerning Operating Expenses for Hospitals

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1723 is enacted to read:

§ 1723. Hospital expenses

A hospital shall report to the department on an annual basis on a schedule and form determined by the department a detailed description of the hospital's annual operating budget, including income sources, profit-generating facilities, salary ranges by position and advertising. The department shall report on an annual basis all information gathered under this section to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health matters.

SUMMARY

This bill requires hospitals to report annually to the Department of Health and Human Services a detailed description of their annual operating budgets and requires the department to report all information gathered to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health matters.