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An Act To Promote Legislative Oversight of Federal COVID-19 Relief Funds

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Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §744, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Application. This section does not apply to federal funds received under section 746.

Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §746 is enacted to read:

§746. Federal funds received due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 744 and Title 5, section 1669, an expenditure proposed by the Governor from discretionary funds not otherwise earmarked for use by the State that are received directly by the State from the Federal Government due to the pandemic related to coronavirus disease 2019, also known as Covid-19, following the effective date of this section must be approved by a majority vote of both houses of the Legislature.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that an expenditure proposed by the Governor from discretionary funds not otherwise earmarked for use by the State that are received directly by the State from the Federal Government due to the COVID-19 pandemic following the effective date of this Act must be approved by a majority vote of both houses of the Legislature.