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RIGHT TO KNOW ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT SURVEY ON MAINE'S FREEDOM OF ACCESS LAWS

The Right to Know Advisory Committee is an on-going advisory council, created by Public Law 2005, chapter 631, with oversight authority and responsibility for a broad range of activities associated with the purposes and principles underlying Maine's Freedom of Access laws. The Advisory Committee was created to serve as a resource and advisor about Maine's Freedom of Access laws. One of the advisory committee's specific charges is to make recommendations for changes in statutes to improve the laws and may make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and local and governmental entities with regard to best practices for providing access to public records.

The Advisory Committee is seeking public comment from interested persons on their input and experience with Maine's Freedom of Access laws, particularly feedback on practical problems that may affect compliance with the law and suggestions for changes in the statutes or best practices among state agencies.

A survey has been posted on the Advisory Committee's website at <http://www.maine.gov/legis/opla/righttoknow.htm>. Interested persons are asked to submit the completed survey before January 15th. Responses may be submitted by e-mail to colleen.mccarthyreid@legislature.maine.gov, by fax at 287-1275 or by mailing to the Right to Know Advisory Committee c/o OPLA, 13 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0013. Please remember that all survey responses are open to public inspection under the Freedom of Access laws; anonymous responses are welcome and should be submitted by mail or by fax.

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