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An Act to Codify That Freedom of Access Act and Freedom of Information Act Requests Are Not Hate Crimes

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2931, as amended by PL 1999, c. 51, §2, is further amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:
4 5	A request for a public record under the Freedom of Access Act or the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 United States Code, Section 552 is not a violation of this section.
6	SUMMARY
7 8 9	This bill clarifies that a request for public records under the Freedom of Access Act or the federal Freedom of Information Act is not a violation of the law prohibiting interference with constitutional and civil rights, commonly known as hate crimes.