An Act To Improve Information Sharing by Criminal Justice Agencies with Government Agencies Responsible for Investigating Child or Adult Abuse

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Received by the Clerk of the House on January 11, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

Presented by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 16 MRSA §806, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 507, §6, is further amended to read:

1. A government agency responsible for investigating child or adult abuse, neglect or exploitation or regulating facilities and programs providing care to children or adults. A government agency or subunit of a government agency in this State or another state that pursuant to statute is responsible for investigating abuse, neglect or exploitation of children or incapacitated or dependent adults or for licensing or regulating the programs or facilities that provide care to children or incapacitated or dependent adults if the intelligence and investigative record information concerns the investigation of suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation;

Sec. 2. 16 MRSA §806, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. A government agency responsible for investigating child or adult abuse. A government agency or subunit of a government agency in this State or another state that pursuant to statute is responsible for investigating abuse, neglect or exploitation of children or incapacitated or dependent adults;

SUMMARY

This bill expands the authority of criminal justice agencies to share confidential intelligence and investigative record information with government agencies responsible for the investigation of abuse, neglect or exploitation of children or incapacitated or dependent adults.