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**An Act to Modify Confidentiality Laws to Protect Children Being
Placed into Custody by the Department of Health and Human
Services**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§3, ¶M**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 151, §8, is
3 further amended to read:

4 M. Law enforcement authorities for entry into the National Crime Information Center
5 database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to a national information
6 clearinghouse for missing and exploited children operated pursuant to 42 United States
7 Code, Section 5773(b). Information disclosed pursuant to this paragraph is limited to
8 information on missing or abducted children or youth that is required to be disclosed
9 pursuant to 42 United States Code, Section 671(a)(35)(B); ~~and~~

10 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§3, ¶N**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 151, §9, is
11 amended to read:

12 N. A party to a child protection proceeding and the attorney representing the party in
13 the proceeding, with protection for identity of reporters and other persons when
14 appropriate; and

15 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§3, ¶O** is enacted to read:

16 O. An agency or department involved in the placement of a child if a record of past
17 substance use or domestic abuse by a person being considered for custody of the child
18 exists.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill requires the disclosure of confidential records of the Department of Health
21 and Human Services to an agency or department involved in the placement of a child if a
22 record of past substance use or domestic abuse by a person being considered for custody
23 of the child exists.