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An Act To Require Dispatch Units To Employ a Person with a Social Work Background

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 2 Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2936 is enacted to read: 3 §2936. Social workers at public safety answering points 4 A public safety answering point shall have on staff on a 24-hour basis a person licensed under Title 32, chapter 83 to screen 9-1-1 calls to determine whether a 9-1-1 call requires 5 dispatch of social work services, listed under Title 32, section 7053-A, or other emergency 6 7 services. 8 **SUMMARY** 9 This bill requires public safety answering points receiving 9-1-1 calls to have on staff 10 on a 24-hour basis a licensed social worker to screen 9-1-1 calls to determine whether a 9-1-1 call requires dispatch of social work services or other emergency or law enforcement 11 12 services.