

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

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H.P. 1389 - L.D. 2076

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Reporting of Incidents by  
Municipal Fire Chiefs**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, the United States Fire Administration within the United States Department of Homeland Security has implemented a new fire information and analytics reporting system; and

**Whereas**, the State's fire reporting system does not fulfill modern data analysis and decision support requirements of fire and emergency responders; and

**Whereas**, accurate incident reporting is essential for fire prevention, emergency planning, firefighter safety and federal grant eligibility; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2395**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 82, §2, is further amended to read:

**§2395. ~~Filing-statement~~ Incident report of fire or other occurrence**

The municipal fire chief or a designee shall submit to the State Fire Marshal an incident report for each response made, regardless of whether an actual fire occurred. ~~The~~ Until January 1, 2026, the report must be submitted in a manner consistent with a national fire incident reporting system or, as available, a national emergency response information system. On or after January 1, 2026, the report must be submitted in a manner consistent with a national emergency response information system or a successor system as determined by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, United States Fire Administration.

**Sec. 2. Rules.** The State Fire Marshal within the Department of Public Safety may adopt rules to collect statewide incident response data and facilitate the transition from a national fire incident reporting system to a national emergency response information system, including provisions for electronic submission, technical assistance and system integration with municipal reporting systems. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 3. Retroactivity.** That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2395 applies retroactively to January 1, 2026.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.