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House of Representatives, March 30, 2021

**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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert 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
5 under Title 32, chapter 83 to screen 9-1-1 calls to determine whether a 9-1-1 call requires
6 dispatch of social work services, listed under Title 32, section 7053-A, or other emergency
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
11 9-1-1 call requires dispatch of social work services or other emergency or law enforcement
12 services.