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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.

ROBERT B. HUNT

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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.