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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3307, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 1999, c. 624, Pt. B, §17, is further amended to read:

1-A. Release of identity. Except as provided in subsection 1-B, a law enforcement officer, officer of the court or juvenile community corrections officer may not release the identity of any juvenile until a petition is filed charging the juvenile with a juvenile crime described in subsection 2. This section does not preclude the release of the identity of a juvenile to a complainant or victim if a juvenile community corrections officer decides not to file a petition in accordance with section 3301, subsection 5, paragraph A or B or if the juvenile community corrections officer requests the prosecuting attorney to file a petition in accordance with section 3301, subsection 5, paragraph C.

Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §3307, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Release of arrest information for certain juvenile crimes. A law enforcement officer may release the identity of a juvenile 16 years of age or older who is arrested for a juvenile crime that if committed by an adult would constitute one of the following offenses:

- A. Murder;
- B. Felony murder;
- C. Aggravated assault;
- D. Elevated aggravated assault;
- E. Elevated aggravated assault on a pregnant person;
- F. Stalking;
- G. Aggravated reckless conduct;
- H. Gross sexual assault;
- I. Unlawful sexual contact;
- J. Unlawful sexual touching;
- K. Kidnapping;
- L. Criminal restraint;
- M. Robbery; or
- N. Arson.’

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report. The amendment specifies that only a law enforcement officer, not a juvenile community corrections officer or the court as provided in the bill, may release the identity of a juvenile 16 years of age or older if the juvenile has been arrested for a juvenile crime that if committed by an adult would constitute murder, felony murder, aggravated assault, elevated aggravated assault, elevated aggravated assault on a pregnant person, stalking, aggravated reckless conduct, gross sexual assault, unlawful sexual touching, unlawful sexual contact, kidnapping, criminal restraint, robbery or arson.