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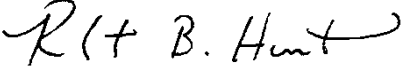
H.P. 383

House of Representatives, February 26, 2015

**An Act To Notify Parents of a Complaint against a Child Care  
Facility or a Family Child Care Provider**

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GERRISH of Lebanon.  
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and  
Representatives: HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, HEAD of Bethel, KINNEY of Limington,  
O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY of Arundel, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, WARD of  
Dedham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8301-A, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 530, §7, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **4. Complaints.** Upon receipt of a complaint about a licensed child care facility or a  
5 certified family child care provider and if the department has reasonable cause to suspect  
6 that a violation of the licensure or certification requirements has occurred, the department  
7 may investigate the complaint and enter the premises at any reasonable time for the  
8 purposes of the investigation. If the department investigates a complaint filed pursuant to  
9 this subsection, the department must notify in writing, within 5 days of commencement of  
10 the investigation, the parent or legal guardian of every child receiving care at the licensed  
11 child care facility or from the certified family child care provider that a complaint was  
12 filed, the nature of that complaint and that the complaint is being investigated by the  
13 department.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to notify in writing  
16 the parents and legal guardians of children receiving care at a licensed child care facility  
17 or from a certified family child care provider of a complaint's being lodged against the  
18 facility or provider, of the department's investigation and of the nature of the complaint.  
19 Notification must be sent within 5 days of the department's commencement of the  
20 investigation.