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An Act Regarding the Child Protection System

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HYMANSON of York.
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and
Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, MEYER of Eliot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4004, sub-§2, ¶B-1** is enacted to read:

3 B-1. Provide for communication and information exchange among the various entities
4 that are part of the child protection system, including but not limited to schools, law
5 enforcement, health care providers, counselors and therapists and community services
6 providers;

7 **SUMMARY**

8 Current law authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to cooperate and
9 coordinate with other agencies, facilities or persons providing related services to families
10 and children as part of the department's child abuse prevention efforts. This bill requires
11 the department to provide for communication and information exchange among all the
12 entities that are part of the child protection system during every child protective
13 investigation.