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House of Representatives, March 5, 2021

**An Act Regarding the Membership of the Sexual Assault Forensic
Examiner Advisory Board**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and
Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, MEYER of Eliot, Senator: KEIM of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3360-N, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. GG, §2, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **1. Establishment and membership.** The Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner
5 Advisory Board, referred to in this chapter as the "board," established under section
6 12004-J, subsection 13, is established within the Department of Health and Human
7 Services. The board consists of ~~13~~ 15 members appointed by the Commissioner of Health
8 and Human Services. Members must include the following:

- 9 A. One physician licensed to practice medicine in the State;
- 10 B. One member ~~of the State Board of Nursing~~ representing a school of nursing;
- 11 C. ~~One~~ Two sexual assault nurse ~~examiner~~ examiners;
- 12 D. One representative from a sexual assault support center;
- 13 E. One member from a statewide coalition against sexual assault;
- 14 F. One survivor of sexual assault;
- 15 G. One attorney from the Department of the Attorney General, designated by the
16 Attorney General;
- 17 H. One employee of the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory;
- 18 I. One member from a statewide association of prosecutors;
- 19 J. One member from a statewide association of hospitals;
- 20 K. One member who is a forensic pediatric health care provider; ~~and~~
- 21 K-1. One representative of law enforcement; and
- 22 L. Two public members.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill adds to the membership of the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Advisory
25 Board an additional sexual assault nurse examiner and one representative of law
26 enforcement. The bill also clarifies that one member is a representative from a sexual
27 assault support center and changes the member representing the State Board of Nursing to
28 a member representing a school of nursing.