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An Act To Ensure That Victims Are Kept Informed in Criminal Cases

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GERZOFSKY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: BLISS of Cumberland, CRAVEN of Androscoggin,
Representatives: BURNS of Whiting, FOSSEL of Alna, KRUGER of Thomaston, PLUMMER
of Windham, PRIEST of Brunswick, TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 16 MRSA §614, sub-§3, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 181, §2, is
3 further amended to read:

4 D. A victim or victim's agent or attorney. The victim or the victim's agent or
5 attorney must be provided with intelligence and investigative information as
6 complete and as soon as possible, subject to reasonable limitations to protect the
7 interest described in subsection 1; or

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill requires the victim of a crime to be provided with investigative information
10 in as complete and rapid a manner as possible, as long as the disclosure of that
11 information is made with safeguards to prevent events such as interference with law
12 enforcement proceedings, an unwarranted invasion of privacy, disclosure of information
13 designated confidential and endangerment of the life of another individual.