

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

H.P. 442 - L.D. 606

An Act Regarding the Child Protection System

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4004, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 1993, c. 294, §1, is further amended to read:

C. Cooperating and coordinating with other agencies, facilities or persons providing related services to families and children throughout the period of time the department is involved with a family and child;

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

B-1. Establish and maintain a policy that requires, to the greatest extent possible under applicable federal and state confidentiality laws, that caseworkers receive information throughout the period of time the department is involved with a family and child directly from any agencies, facilities or persons involved with or providing services to the family and child in order to:

- (1) Coordinate adequate access to resources for a family and child; and
- (2) Inform the ongoing risk and safety assessment of the child;

Sec. 3. Report. The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services shall present the policy established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 4004, subsection 2, paragraph B-1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than March 1, 2022. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services is authorized to report out legislation relating to the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.