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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA)

Neither for Nor Against
LD 2105, *An Act to Update Maine's Mandated Reporting Laws*

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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, my name is Amanda Campbell, and I am submitting testimony neither for nor against LD 2105 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC).

Municipal leaders recognize the important task of mandated reporters and the role they play in the process of the protection of Maine's children. However, the changes proposed in this bill widen the net of those required to report from a prescribed list of professionals to "a person who in the normal course of the person's professional duties interacts with children..." This broad definition is likely intended to increase positive outcomes for children by strengthening the pool of individuals that may be privy to negative interactions. However, from the municipal perspective, this could mean virtually every municipal employee from councilors to camp instructors. For purposes of determining who, specifically, would be required to attend the mandatory biennial training, providing some definition of this expanded group of people would be beneficial. In addition, confirmation that the department training would be offered at no cost and with a virtual option would be appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration of the municipal perspective on this important topic. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the LPC or the MMA Advocacy team with any questions relating to municipal operations.