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**This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.**

Clerk Dylan Horkan,

Please add this into the record for the public hearing of the Committee On Education and Cultural Affairs regarding LD 168, HP0101 An Act to Improve Safety in Public Schools by Requiring Silent Electronic Notification Systems in Classrooms - Rep. David Sinclair of Bath--

This is neither for nor against:

1. 2. Silent electronic notification system; requirements. A public elementary school 12 or public secondary school that enrolls 12 or more students shall equip each classroom with 13 a silent electronic notification system. The silent electronic notification system must 14 automatically notify the E-9-1-1 system, school security personnel and local law 15 enforcement agencies when manually activated. **The silent electronic notification system 16 must automatically notify parents of students who subscribe to be notified.**

The last line of §4017. Silent electronic notification system section 2. line should be struck. Having parents notified concurrently with 911 & first responders is a recipe for mass hysteria and a critical disaster. Instant alarm systems if required need to be to assess and respond to possible incidents, and then the school and other responsible entities can communicate to the parents and the public at large.

A fiscal note must be required. The systems are not a one time purchase but an ongoing system maintenance and software agreement that in my experience can be \$8,000 to \$15,000 per year per building in the district.

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