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TO: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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LD: 12 An Act To Require Annual Information Reporting by the Maine Information and Analysis Center

Summary

This bill requires an annual written report from the Department of Public Safety, Maine Information and Analysis Center by April 1st beginning in 2022 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters regarding the performance of the center. The report must include a general narrative about the types of cases, crimes, incidents and reports the center has reviewed and evaluated in a manner that protects personal privacy and the integrity of the work of the center. The report must include both privacy audits performed in the prior year and deidentified information regarding the cases, crimes, incidents and reports on which the center worked during the prior year that were reviewed during the audits.

Testimony

Proponents:

1. Senator Deschambault presented the bill and submitted written testimony in support. The bill is derived from the committee amendment to LD 2037 from the 129th Legislature, which was reported out of committee 12-1 and which died as a result of early adjournment due to the COVID pandemic.
2. Lt. Michael Johnston, Maine State Police, testified in support of the bill and submitted informational materials on MIAC, the Advisory Board by-laws, the Privacy/Civil Liberties/Civil Rights Audit Policy. Lt. Col. William Harwood, Maine State Police, submitted additional materials about MIAC by three emails dated April 23 that were forwarded to CJPS members that day.
2. Tracy Collins, Esq, Bangor, chair of the MIAC Advisory Board testified in support.
3. Sheriff Troy Morton, Penobscot County, testified in support for the Maine Sheriffs' Association.
4. The Maine Chiefs of Police Association submitted testimony in support.

Opponents:

1. Brendan McQuade, assistant professor, USM, testified in opposition to the bill and submitted testimony, basing his opposition on support for ending MIAC.

2. Michael Kebede, representing the ACLU, testified in opposition to the bill and submitted testimony, basing his opposition on support for ending MIAC. Mr. Kebede was asked for a copy of the George *Loder versus MIAC* Order on Defendant's Motion to Dismiss. See *Loder* decision attachment in emails from Lt. Col. William Harwood dated April 23 and forwarded that date to CJPS members.

Neither for nor against:

None