

## **An Act Directing the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Release Annually Public Health Data Regarding Certain Fatalities and Hospitalizations**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §20, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 523, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Annual report.** The director shall report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on:

- A. Challenges and threats to the health of the residents of the State; and
- B. The ways in which the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention has responded to those challenges and threats and has aided in keeping the residents of the State healthy and safe;
- C. Public health data concerning firearm fatalities in the State, separated by:
  - (1) The number of homicides, including the number of homicides that were the result of domestic violence, further separated by the ages of the victims for each;
  - (2) Suicides, further separated by the ages of the victims;
  - (3) Unintentional discharges Accidents, further separated by the ages of the victims; and
  - (4) The type, make and model of firearm used in incidents described in subparagraphs (1) to (3); and
- D. Hospitalizations that occurred as a result of a firearm but did not result in death, including the type, make and model of firearm used.

The Commissioner of Public Safety, Maine Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Office of the Maine Attorney General, and the Maine Health Data Organization shall assist the director with the collection of the data required in paragraphs C and D. The director shall make the report under paragraphs C and D publicly available.

**Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §1544, as enacted by PL....., is amended to read:**

It is the duty of all state, county, tribal and municipal law enforcement agencies, including those employees of the University of Maine System appointed to act as law enforcement officers, to submit to the State Bureau of Identification uniform crime reports, to include such information as is necessary to establish a Criminal Justice Information System and to enable the commanding officer to comply with section 1541, subsection 3. It is the duty of the bureau to prescribe the form, general content, time and manner of submission of such uniform crime reports. The bureau shall correlate the reports submitted to it and shall compile and submit to the Governor and Legislature annual reports based on such reports. The bureau shall furnish copies of such annual reports to all state, county, tribal and municipal law enforcement agencies.

The bureau shall establish a category for abuse by adults of family or household members, a category for cruelty to animals, and a category for crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or ethnicity, **and a category for unintentional and intentional shootings**, that are supplementary to its other reported information. The bureau shall prescribe the information to be submitted in the same manner as for all other categories of the uniform crime reports.

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**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services to include in the director's annual report to the Legislature, with the assistance of the Commissioner of Public Safety, public health data concerning firearm fatalities separated by homicides, including the number of domestic violence homicides, suicides and accidents, further separated by the ages of the victims of each category, and the type, make and model of the firearm used, and hospitalizations that occurred as a result of a firearm that did not result in death and the type, make and model of firearm used, and to make the report publicly available.