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House of Representatives, February 22, 2005

An Act Amending Public Notification Laws for Sex Offenders Living Near Schools and Day-care Centers

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, VAUGHAN of Durham.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §11255, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

6 3. Notification to schools, day-care centers and immediate
8 neighbors; registrant's financial responsibilities. In addition
to notification requirements under subsection 2, a law
enforcement agency shall provide notification:

10 A. To a public or private elementary or secondary school
12 located on or within 1,000 feet of the real property where a
registrant is domiciled, resides, works or attends school;

14 B. To a day-care center, licensed pursuant to Title 22,
16 section 8301-A, located on or within 1,000 feet of the real
property where a registrant is domiciled, resides, works or
18 attends school; and

20 C. If notification is required under paragraph A or B, then
22 to any other person or business located on or within 250
feet of the real property where a registrant is domiciled,
resides, works or attends school.

24 A registrant concerning whom notification is required under this
26 subsection shall pay the law enforcement agency's costs for
providing that notification. A registrant who fails to pay the
28 notification costs commits a Class D crime.

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill requires law enforcement agencies to provide
34 direct public notification to schools and day-care centers that
are located within 1,000 feet of a sex offender registrant's
36 domicile, residence, place of work or school. If notification
must be made to schools and day-care centers, then notification
38 must also be made to any other neighbor located on or within 250
feet of the real property where that sex offender registrant is
40 domiciled, resides, works or attends school. The registrant must
pay the costs of providing this direct notification, and failure
42 to do so is a Class D crime.