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House of Representatives, February 7, 2019

**An Act To Improve Trust with Regard to Home Visitation by the
Department of Health and Human Services by Requiring That
Certain Visits Be Videotaped**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4021, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

3 **6. Videotaped recording of home visits.** If a staff member of the department visits
4 the home of a child to investigate or assess an allegation of abuse or neglect of the child,
5 the staff member shall videotape all interviews conducted during the visit.

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This bill requires Department of Health and Human Services staff who visit the home
8 of a child to investigate or assess an allegation of abuse or neglect to videotape all
9 interviews conducted during the visit.