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An Act to Improve the Coordination of Health Care for Minors in State Care

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Received by the Clerk of the House on January 6, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1711-C, sub-§6, ¶U**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt.
3 MMMM, §4, is further amended to read:

4 U. To a panel coordinator of the maternal, fetal and infant mortality review panel
5 pursuant to section 261, subsection 4, paragraph B-1 for the purposes of reviewing
6 health care information of a deceased person and a mother of a child who died within
7 one year of birth, including fetal deaths after 28 weeks of gestation. For purposes of
8 this paragraph, "panel coordinator" has the same meaning as in section 261, subsection
9 1, paragraph E and "deceased person" has the same meaning as in section 261,
10 subsection 1, paragraph B; ~~and~~

11 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1711-C, sub-§6, ¶V**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt.
12 MMMM, §5, is amended to read:

13 V. To a panel coordinator of the Aging and Disability Mortality Review Panel pursuant
14 to section 264, subsection 5, paragraph B, subparagraph (4) for the purposes of
15 reviewing health care information of an adult receiving services who is deceased, in
16 accordance with section 264, subsection 5, paragraph A. For purposes of this
17 paragraph, "panel coordinator" has the same meaning as in section 264, subsection 2,
18 paragraph B-; ~~and~~

19 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1711-C, sub-§6, ¶W** is enacted to read:

20 W. To employees of the department for the purpose of coordinating health care of an
21 individual who has not attained 18 years of age and is in the department's custody
22 pursuant to chapter 1071.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill extends to employees of the Department of Health and Human Services the
25 permission to obtain confidential health care information for the purpose of coordinating
26 health care for a minor in the department's custody.