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House of Representatives, January 8, 2025

**An Act to Clarify Information Sharing Between the Department of
Health and Human Services and Schools with Respect to
Investigations of Child Abuse or Neglect**

Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
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 MURPHY of Scarborough.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4099-O, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

3 **6. Disclosure to schools.** The investigation team may notify the superintendent of a
4 school administrative unit, the chief administrator of a public school not in a school
5 administrative unit or the chief administrator of a private school when there is an indicated
6 or substantiated finding of out-of-home abuse or neglect against an employee of or student
7 registered in that school administrative unit, public school not in a school administrative
8 unit or private school. For the purposes of this subsection, "school administrative unit" has
9 the same meaning as in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 26.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill clarifies that an investigation team of the Department of Health and Human
12 Services may share information with the superintendent of a school administrative unit, the
13 chief administrator of a private school or a public school not in a school administrative unit
14 when there is an indicated or substantiated finding of out-of-home child abuse or neglect
15 against an employee of or a student registered in that school administrative unit, public
16 school not in a school administrative unit or private school.