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**An Act to Improve Safety in Public Schools by Requiring Silent
Electronic Notification Systems in Classrooms**

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SINCLAIR of Bath.
Cosponsored by Representative: BRENNAN of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4017** is enacted to read:

3 **§4017. Silent electronic notification system**

4 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
5 following terms have the following meanings.

6 A. "Law enforcement agency" has the same meaning as in Title 25, section 3701,
7 subsection 1.

8 B. "Silent electronic notification system" means a silent security system that when
9 manually activated generates a notification that is intended to signal a life-threatening
10 or emergency situation requiring a response from a law enforcement agency.

11 **2. Silent electronic notification system; requirements.** A public elementary school
12 or public secondary school that enrolls 12 or more students shall equip each classroom with
13 a silent electronic notification system. The silent electronic notification system must
14 automatically notify the E-9-1-1 system, school security personnel and local law
15 enforcement agencies when manually activated. The silent electronic notification system
16 must automatically notify parents of students who subscribe to be notified.

17 **3. Rules.** The department may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted
18 pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
19 subchapter 2-A.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill requires public elementary schools and public secondary schools that enroll
22 12 or more students to equip each classroom with a silent electronic notification system
23 that automatically notifies the E-9-1-1 system, school security personnel and local law
24 enforcement agencies when manually activated. The bill also requires the system to
25 automatically notify parents who subscribe to be notified.