

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 808

House of Representatives, March 25, 2025

**An Act to Modify Confidentiality Laws to Protect Children Being  
Placed into Custody by the Department of Health and Human  
Services**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§3, ¶M,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 151, §8, is further amended to read:

M. Law enforcement authorities for entry into the National Crime Information Center database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to a national information clearinghouse for missing and exploited children operated pursuant to 42 United States Code, Section 5773(b). Information disclosed pursuant to this paragraph is limited to information on missing or abducted children or youth that is required to be disclosed pursuant to 42 United States Code, Section 671(a)(35)(B); and

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§3, ¶N**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 151, §9, is amended to read:

N. A party to a child protection proceeding and the attorney representing the party in the proceeding, with protection for identity of reporters and other persons when appropriate.; and

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§3, ¶O is enacted to read:**

O. An agency or department involved in the placement of a child if a record of past substance use or domestic abuse by a person being considered for custody of the child exists.

## SUMMARY

This bill requires the disclosure of confidential records of the Department of Health and Human Services to an agency or department involved in the placement of a child if a record of past substance use or domestic abuse by a person being considered for custody of the child exists.