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S.P. 577

In Senate, April 1, 2025

An Act to Clarify Parental Notifications Regarding Child Care Facility Investigations

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7702-A, sub-§2, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 35, §3, is
3 amended to read:

4 C. A person who violates the following sections or rules adopted pursuant to those
5 sections commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$500 per incident
6 may be adjudged:

7 (1) Section 7801, subsection 1, paragraph A;

8 (2) Section 8301-A; ~~or~~

9 (3) Section 8302-A, subsection 1, paragraphs B to J and subsection 2, paragraphs
10 A to F and H to K; or

11 (4) Section 7708.

12 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §7708** is enacted to read:

13 **§7708. Notification of investigation**

14 A child care facility, as defined in section 8301-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph B, a
15 family child care provider, as defined in section 8301-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph C, and
16 a nursery school, as defined in section 8301-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph D, shall notify
17 the parent or legal guardian of a child enrolled in that facility or nursery school or receiving
18 services from that provider if the facility, nursery school or provider is under investigation
19 for violating any provision of chapter 1661, 1663, 1673 or 1675. This section may not be
20 construed to require the facility, nursery school or provider to notify the parent or legal
21 guardian of the nature of the investigation or provide any personal information.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill requires that a child care facility, family child care provider or nursery school
24 notify the parent or legal guardian of children enrolled in that facility, provider or nursery
25 school when the facility, provider or nursery school is under investigation for violating
26 certain laws governing facilities for children under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22,
27 Subtitle 6: Facilities for Children and Adults. A violation of this requirement is a civil
28 violation for which a fine of not more than \$500 per incident may be adjudged.