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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 854   House of Representatives, April 2, 1985

   On motion of Representative Reeves of Pittston, referred to the
Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

                                                EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Erwin of Rumford.
   Cosponsored by Senator Erwin of Oxford, Senator Bustin of Kennebec
and Representative Strout of Corinth.

                          STATE OF MAINE

                     IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
              NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE

         AN ACT Concerning Reports to the Federal
              Government Relating to Missing
                         Children.

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

     25 MRSA c. 257 is enacted to read:

                        CHAPTER 257

                     MISSING CHILDREN

§2151. Missing children; information sent to United
        States Office of Juvenile Justice and Delin-
        quency Prevention

     1. Definition. As used in this section "missing
child" means any individual less than 18 years of age
whose whereabouts are unknown to that individual's
legal custodian if:

1   A. The circumstances surrounding that
2   individual's disappearance indicate that the in-
3   dividual may possibly have been removed by anoth-
4   er from the control of the individual's legal
5   custodian without the custodian's consent; or

6   B. The circumstances of the case strongly indi-
7   cate that the individual is likely to be abused
8   or sexually exploited.

9   2. Report. Any local, county or state law en-
10 forcement agency receiving a report of a missing
11 child within the State shall send to the United
12 States Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
13 Prevention, as soon as practicable, a report concern-
14 ing that missing child, including any information
15 which might be useful in locating or identifying that
16 missing child.

17   STATEMENT OF FACT

18   The purpose of this bill is to require that lo-
19 cal, county and state law enforcement agencies report
20 cases of missing children to the United States Office
21 of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention which
22 maintains a national clearinghouse for information on
23 missing children. The report would include all in-
24 formation available which might be helpful in locat-
25 ing or identifying the missing children.

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