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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 638, L.D. 872, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Reporting of Alleged Child Abuse"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'22 MRSA §4010-A is enacted to read:

§4010-A. Child abuse policies

1. Policy development. Every public or private agency that is licensed by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and hires staff or selects volunteers and provides care or services for children shall develop a written policy regarding child abuse and neglect.

The policy shall include:

A. A description of how the program and children shall be managed to prevent abuse or neglect;

B. The reporting of suspected abuse or neglect or other violations to the appropriate designated authorities;

C. The agency's course of action if allegations of abuse or neglect are made against the agency or its staff; and

D. The agency's grievance procedures for staff, and for children and their parents or guardians regarding alleged abuse or neglect.

2. Filing. The agency shall file the policy as part of its application for licensure or renewal with the state entity that regulates the agency within one year of the effective date of this subsection or of the date the agency comes into existence.

3. Availability of policy. The agency shall make the policy available to its staff, clients and the public.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the original bill and includes specific requirements for child abuse policies. It also limits affected agencies to those licensed by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

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