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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1031, L.D. 1383, Bill, "An Act to Establish Multidisciplinary Reviews of Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities and Serious Injuries and to Provide Access to Confidential Information for the Multidisciplinary Reviews"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Confidentiality. The proceedings and records of the child death and serious injury review panel created in accordance with section 4004, subsection 1, paragraph E are confidential and are not subject to subpoena, discovery or introduction into evidence in a civil or criminal action. The commissioner shall disclose conclusions of the review panel upon request, but may not disclose data that is otherwise classified as confidential.'

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Human Services will incur some minor additional costs to establish a child death and serious injury review panel. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment clarifies that the Department of Human Services must release the conclusions of an investigation of the child death and serious injury review panel if they are requested, but may not release any information that is otherwise confidential, such as personally identifying information.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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