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House of Representatives, January 14, 1997

An Act to Allow the Release of the Name of and Juvenile Crimes Committed by a Juvenile 14 Years of Age or Older.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative VIGUE of Winslow. Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: BOUFFARD of Lewiston, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, O'NEAL of Limestone, SIROIS of Caribou, Senator: CAREY of Kennebec.

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

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Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3307, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 1991, c. 776, §1, is further amended to read:

6 1-A. Release of identity. No A law enforcement officer, officer of the court or juvenile caseworker may not release the 8 identity of any juvenile until a petition is filed charging the juvenile with a juvenile crime described-in-subsection-2, except 10 that a law enforcement officer, officer of the court or juvenile caseworker may release the name of a juvenile arrested for the 12 commission of a juvenile crime, and identify the juvenile crime or crimes for which the juvenile was arrested, if the juvenile has attained 14 years of age. This section does not preclude the 14 release of the identity of a juvenile to a complainant or victim 16 if a juvenile caseworker decides not to file a petition in accordance with section 3301, subsection 5, paragraph A or B or 18 if the juvenile caseworker requests the prosecuting attorney to file a petition in accordance with section 3301, subsection 5, 20 paragraph C.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the Maine Juvenile Code to allow the publication of the name of a juvenile who has been arrested for having committed a juvenile crime, and the juvenile crime or crimes committed, as long as the juvenile is at least 14 years of age.

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