

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 553

In Senate, March 27, 1997

**An Act to Assist the Law Enforcement Community in Locating Missing Children.**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich and  
Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, FRECHETTE of Biddeford, MARVIN of Cape  
Elizabeth, MAYO of Bath, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2154, sub-§1, ¶¶C and D,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 425, §2, are amended to read:

6 C. Transmit the report for inclusion in the State Police  
computer files on missing children; and

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10 D. Submit information in the missing child report to the  
clearinghouse;

12 **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2154, sub-§1, ¶¶E and F** are enacted to read:

14 E. If the missing child was a student at a school in this  
16 State, inform an administrator of that school of the missing  
18 child report. An administrator of that school must identify  
20 the file or any other records of the missing child in the  
22 custody of the school as pertaining to the missing child.  
If a request for this file or these records is made, an  
administrator of that school must notify a law enforcement  
agency of this request immediately; and

24 F. Inform the municipal clerk of the municipality in which  
26 the child's birth records are kept of the missing child  
28 report. The municipal clerk must identify the birth records  
30 of the missing child in the custody of the municipality as  
pertaining to the missing child. If a request for these  
records is made, the municipal clerk must notify a law  
enforcement agency of this request immediately.

32 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill requires a law enforcement agency that receives a  
36 report of a missing child who was a student at a school in this  
State to inform an administrator of that school of the missing  
38 child report. An administrator of that school must identify the  
file or any other records of the missing child in the custody of  
40 the school as pertaining to the missing child. If a request for  
this file or these records is made, an administrator of that  
42 school must notify a law enforcement agency of this request  
immediately. This bill also requires the law enforcement agency  
44 to inform the municipal clerk of the municipality in which the  
child's birth records are kept of the missing child report. The  
municipal clerk must identify the birth records of the missing  
46 child as pertaining to the missing child. If a request for these  
records is made, the municipal clerk must notify a law  
48 enforcement agency of this request immediately.