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S.P. 261

In Senate, February 15, 2001

**Resolve, to Establish Clear Guidelines for Protecting the Safety of
Victims of Domestic Violence.**

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice 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 DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, LABRECQUE of Gorham.

2 **Sec. 1. Development of protocol. Resolved:** That the
Commissioner of Public Safety shall develop no later than
4 December 31, 2001 a protocol for handling cases of domestic
violence. The protocol must include strategies designed to
6 protect the safety of victims of domestic violence, including
enhanced protection for the victim at work and at home and the
8 facilitation of the victim's recovery of personal property at the
victim's home during the first 72 hours following the filing of
the complaint; and be it further

10 **Sec. 2. Distribution of protocol. Resolved:** That the Commissioner
12 of Public Safety shall make available and distribute copies of
the protocol to municipal police departments and county sheriff
14 departments; and be it further

16 **Sec. 3. Inclusion in curriculum. Resolved:** That the Maine
Criminal Justice Academy shall incorporate into its training
18 program the protocol established pursuant to section 1.

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SUMMARY

22 This resolve directs the Commissioner of Public Safety to
24 develop a protocol for dealing with domestic violence cases.
Once completed, the commissioner is directed to distribute copies
26 of the protocol to municipal police departments and county
sheriff departments. The Maine Criminal Justice Academy is
28 required to incorporate the protocol into its training program.