

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 89

House of Representatives, January 21, 2003

### An Act to Change the Child Protective Laws

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative COURTNEY of Sanford.  
Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and  
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, CLOUGH of Scarborough, GERZOFSKY of  
Brunswick, Senator: CARPENTER of York.

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

4 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4025 is enacted to read:

6 **§4025. Law enforcement investigations**

8 State, county and municipal law enforcement authorities may  
10 investigate an allegation of abuse or neglect of a child in the  
12 custody of the department without first obtaining the consent of  
14 the department or notifying the department. This provision  
16 applies if the law enforcement authority receives a complaint or  
18 report of suspected abuse or neglect from a 3rd party or from the  
20 parent of the child.

22 **SUMMARY**

This bill allows state, county and municipal law enforcement authorities to investigate allegations of abuse or neglect of a child in the custody of the Department of Human Services without first notifying the department or obtaining consent from the department.