

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2003

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Legislative Document

No. 427

S.P. 145

In Senate, February 4, 2003

**An Act To Clarify That the Maine Juvenile Code Does Not Preclude  
Sharing Information with School Administrators for Purposes of  
School Safety, Order and Discipline**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety 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 WESTON of Waldo.  
Cosponsored by Representative SYKES of Harrison and  
Senators: CARPENTER of York, GILMAN of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin,  
YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot, Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, THOMAS of Orono.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3301-A** is enacted to read:

6 **§3301-A. School safety**

8 Nothing in this Part precludes a law enforcement officer or  
10 criminal justice agency from sharing information, whether or not  
12 contained in records, pertaining to a juvenile with a school  
14 superintendent or principal if the information may be useful to  
16 the school administrator in maintaining safety, order or  
18 discipline in the school, or may otherwise be useful to the  
20 school administrator in preventing harm to persons or property.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill clarifies that the Maine Juvenile Code's  
26 confidentiality provisions do not preclude law enforcement  
28 officers or criminal justice agencies from sharing information  
30 pertaining to juveniles with school administrators in order to  
32 maintain safety, order and discipline in the schools and to  
prevent harm to persons or property.