

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 73

In Senate, January 18, 2005

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**An Act To Support the Disclosure of Information to Relatives Who  
Are Likely To Provide Care to Children**

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Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services 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 TURNER of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn and  
Senator: SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.

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

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**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§2, ¶E,** as amended by PL 2001, c.  
4 696, §17, is further amended to read:

6 E. A person having the legal responsibility or  
authorization to educate, care for or supervise a child,  
8 parent or custodian who is the subject of a record, or a  
member of a panel appointed by the department to review  
10 child deaths and serious injuries. This includes a member  
of a treatment team or group convened to plan for or treat a  
12 child or family that is the subject of a record. This may  
also include a member of a support team for foster parents,  
14 if that team has been reviewed and approved by the  
department. This may also include relatives or other  
16 persons in the child's family or community support system  
who are likely to become caregivers for the child;

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill permits disclosure of information in child welfare  
cases to relatives who are likely to become caregivers to the  
24 child to facilitate placing children with relatives.