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H.P. 315

House of Representatives, February 10, 2009

### **An Act To Require School Bus Drivers and School Bus Attendants To Report Suspected Child Abuse**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative EATON of Sullivan.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLEARY of Houlton, CONNOR of Kennebunk, HUNT of Buxton, LANGLEY of Ellsworth, MILLER of Somerville, PENDLETON of Scarborough, TREAT of Hallowell.

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

2               **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4011-A, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 577, §6, is  
3 further amended to read:

4               A. When acting in a professional capacity:

- 5               (1) An allopathic or osteopathic physician, resident or intern;
- 6               (2) An emergency medical services person;
- 7               (3) A medical examiner;
- 8               (4) A physician's assistant;
- 9               (5) A dentist;
- 10              (6) A dental hygienist;
- 11              (7) A dental assistant;
- 12              (8) A chiropractor;
- 13              (9) A podiatrist;
- 14              (10) A registered or licensed practical nurse;
- 15              (11) A teacher;
- 16              (12) A guidance counselor;
- 17              (13) A school official;
- 18              (14) A children's summer camp administrator or counselor;
- 19              (15) A social worker;
- 20              (16) A court-appointed special advocate or guardian ad litem for the child;
- 21              (17) A homemaker;
- 22              (18) A home health aide;
- 23              (19) A medical or social service worker;
- 24              (20) A psychologist;
- 25              (21) Child care personnel;
- 26              (22) A mental health professional;
- 27              (23) A law enforcement official;
- 28              (24) A state or municipal fire inspector;
- 29              (25) A municipal code enforcement official;
- 30              (26) A commercial film and photographic print processor;
- 31              (27) A clergy member acquiring the information as a result of clerical  
32 professional work except for information received during confidential  
33 communications;

- 1 (28) A chair of a professional licensing board that has jurisdiction over mandated  
2 reporters;  
3 (29) A humane agent employed by the Department of Agriculture, Food and  
4 Rural Resources;  
5 (30) A sexual assault counselor; ~~and~~  
6 (31) A family or domestic violence victim advocate; and  
7 (32) A school bus driver or school bus attendant;

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### SUMMARY

9 This bill requires school bus drivers and school bus attendants to report, or cause a  
10 report to be made, to the Department of Health and Human Services if they suspect child  
11 abuse or neglect has occurred or is likely to occur.