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**An Act To Improve the Safety of Minors by Collecting Data on
Vehicle Collision Rates**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation 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 GOOLEY of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative BROWNE of Vassalboro and
Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PLOWMAN of
Penobscot, SMITH of Piscataquis, Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, HARLOW of
Portland, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1359** is enacted to read:

3 **§1359. Collision data**

4 **1. Driving schools.** The Department of the Secretary of State shall collect data
5 regarding motor vehicle collisions involving minors to whom successful driver education
6 course completion certificates have been issued by driver education schools, as defined
7 by section 1354, subsection 1, paragraph D. The collision rate is computed by
8 determining the number of driver education schools attended by the minors who complete
9 driver education courses during a state fiscal year and dividing that number by the
10 number of collisions that involved minors who complete such courses and that occurred
11 in the 12-month period following their licensure. The quotient must be expressed as a
12 percentage.

13 **2. Course instructors.** The Department of the Secretary of State shall collect data
14 regarding the motor vehicle collision rate of minors taught by instructors, as defined by
15 section 1354, subsection 1, paragraph F, approved under this subchapter. The collision
16 rate is computed by determining the number of minors who complete approved driver
17 education courses under section 1351, subsection 2 during a state fiscal year and dividing
18 that number by the number of collisions that involved minors who complete such courses
19 and that occurred in the 12-month period following their licensure. The quotient must be
20 expressed as a percentage.

21 **3. Publication.** No later than October 1st of each year, the Department of the
22 Secretary of State shall issue a publication listing the motor vehicle collision rate for
23 minors taught by each driver education school and the collision rate for minors taught by
24 each driver education course. The collision list must include the severity of the collisions
25 involving minors who are students of each driver education school and each type of
26 course taught by a driver education instructor or an instructor of a commercial driver
27 education school. The publication must include the calculation determined in subsections
28 1 and 2.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill requires the Department of the Secretary of State to collect data regarding
31 the motor vehicle collisions involving students taught by driver education schools and
32 driver education instructors. The department shall gather the data and publish a list of the
33 collision rates by October 1st of each year.