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House of Representatives, January 3, 2012

An Act To Ensure That the Public Is Duly Informed When Certain Juvenile Crimes Are Committed

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered
printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative PLUMMER of Windham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3307, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 624, Pt. B, §17,
3 is further amended to read:

4 **1-A. Release of identity.** A law enforcement officer, officer of the court or juvenile
5 community corrections officer may ~~not~~ release the identity of any juvenile ~~until a petition~~
6 ~~is filed charging the juvenile with 16 years of age or older arrested for a juvenile crime~~
7 ~~described in subsection 2 but may not release the identity of any juvenile under 16 years~~
8 ~~of age until a petition is filed charging the juvenile with a juvenile crime described in~~
9 ~~subsection 2.~~ This section does not preclude the release of the identity of a juvenile to a
10 complainant or victim if a juvenile community corrections officer decides not to file a
11 petition in accordance with section 3301, subsection 5, paragraph A or B or if the juvenile
12 community corrections officer requests the prosecuting attorney to file a petition in
13 accordance with section 3301, subsection 5, paragraph C.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill permits a law enforcement officer, officer of the court or juvenile
16 community corrections officer to release the identity of any juvenile 16 years of age or
17 older arrested for certain juvenile crimes. The identity of any juvenile under 16 years of
18 age may not be released until a petition is filed charging the juvenile with certain juvenile
19 crimes.