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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 152, L.D. 196, Bill, "An Act To Protect Personal Information of Participants in a Community Well-being Check Program"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶V is enacted to read:

V. Participant application materials and other personal information obtained or maintained by a municipality or other public entity in administering a community well-being check program, except that a participant's personal information, including health information, may be made available to first responders only as necessary to implement the program. For the purposes of this paragraph, "community well-being check program" means a voluntary program that involves daily, or regular, contact with a participant and, when contact cannot be established, sends first responders to the participant's residence to check on the participant's well-being.'

SUMMARY

The bill creates a public records exception under the Freedom of Access Act to protect the confidentiality of personal information of participants in community well-being check programs.

This amendment revises the bill to provide that the information may be made available to first responders but only as necessary to implement the program. It also amends the bill to take out the limitation to telephone contact between the participant and the program, allowing any form of contact that the program uses. It also revises the language to use the broader term of "first responder" to cover the persons who the program sends to check on the participant's well-being and who may receive the personal information about the participant only when necessary to implement the program.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT