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**An Act To Improve Information Sharing by Criminal Justice
Agencies with Government Agencies Responsible for Investigating
Child or Adult Abuse**

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Clerk of the House on January 11, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 16 MRSA §806, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 507, §6, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **1. A government agency responsible for ~~investigating child or adult abuse, neglect~~**
5 **~~or exploitation or regulating facilities and programs providing care to children or~~**
6 **~~adults.~~** A government agency or subunit of a government agency in this State or another
7 state that pursuant to statute is responsible for ~~investigating abuse, neglect or exploitation~~
8 ~~of children or incapacitated or dependent adults or for~~ licensing or regulating the programs
9 or facilities that provide care to children or incapacitated or dependent adults if the
10 intelligence and investigative record information concerns the investigation of suspected
11 abuse, neglect or exploitation;

12 **Sec. 2. 16 MRSA §806, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

13 **1-A. A government agency responsible for investigating child or adult abuse. A**
14 **government agency or subunit of a government agency in this State or another state that**
15 **pursuant to statute is responsible for investigating abuse, neglect or exploitation of children**
16 **or incapacitated or dependent adults;**

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill expands the authority of criminal justice agencies to share confidential
19 intelligence and investigative record information with government agencies responsible for
20 the investigation of abuse, neglect or exploitation of children or incapacitated or dependent
21 adults.