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An Act To Prioritize the Prosecution of Child Murder Cases

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea and Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, President JACKSON of Aroostook, MOORE of Washington, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: CARDONE of Bangor.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	<b>Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §200-A,</b> as amended by PL 1995, c. 200, §1, is further amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:
4 5 6	The Attorney General shall prioritize the criminal investigation and prosecution of murder cases in which the victim is a person who has not attained 18 years of age in cooperation with the courts having jurisdiction over those cases.
7 8 9	<b>Sec. 2. Request.</b> The Attorney General shall send a formal request to the appropriate members of the judicial branch that those members give priority in scheduling to murder cases in which the victim is a person who has not attained 18 years of age.
10	SUMMARY
11 12 13	This bill requires the Attorney General to prioritize the investigation and prosecution of cases involving the murder of a child and to request the judicial branch to give priority in scheduling to those cases.