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House of Representatives, March 2, 2023

An Act to Require Reporting and Training About Domestic Terrorism Threats

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MALON of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and
Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MOONEN of Portland,
RIELLY of Westbrook, SALISBURY of Westbrook, ZAGER of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2919** is enacted to read:

3 **§2919. Domestic terrorism reports**

4 The Department of Public Safety shall report annually to the joint standing committee
5 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters on
6 domestic terrorism acts and domestic terrorism threats in the State, including the activities
7 and growth of known and suspected violent extremist groups. The annual report must
8 include, but is not limited to, information about threats against individuals belonging to a
9 protected class under the Maine Human Rights Act, local and state governmental bodies,
10 public officials and critical infrastructure.

11 For purposes of this section, "domestic terrorism" means an activity that involves acts
12 dangerous to human life that are a violation of the crime of causing a catastrophe under
13 Title 17-A, section 803-A; that appears to be intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian
14 population, influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion or affect the
15 conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination or kidnapping; and that occurs
16 primarily within the State.

17 **Sec. 2. Maine Criminal Justice Academy domestic terrorism threat**
18 **response training and information dissemination.** The Maine Criminal Justice
19 Academy shall develop minimum standards regarding domestic terrorism threat response
20 training and information dissemination. For purposes of this section, "domestic terrorism"
21 has the same meaning as in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2919.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill requires the Department of Public Safety to report annually to the joint
24 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public
25 safety matters on domestic terrorism acts and domestic terrorism threats in the State,
26 including the activities and growth of known and suspected violent extremist groups. The
27 bill also directs the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to develop minimum standards
28 regarding domestic terrorism threat response training and information dissemination.