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H.P. 1389

House of Representatives, December 17, 2025

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Reporting of Incidents by Municipal Fire Chiefs

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 15, 2025. 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 "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BUNKER of Farmington.

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2395, as amended by PL 2007, c. 82, §2, is further amended to read:

§2395. ~~Filing statement~~ Incident report of fire or other occurrence

The municipal fire chief or a designee shall submit to the State Fire Marshal an incident report for each response made, regardless of whether an actual fire occurred. The Until January 1, 2026, the report must be submitted in a manner consistent with a national fire incident reporting system or, as available, a national emergency response information system. On or after January 1, 2026, the report must be submitted in a manner consistent with a national emergency response information system or a successor system as determined by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, United States Fire Administration.

Sec. 2. Rules. The State Fire Marshal within the Department of Public Safety may adopt rules to collect statewide incident response data and facilitate the transition from a national fire incident reporting system to a national emergency response information system, including provisions for electronic submission, technical assistance and system integration with municipal reporting systems. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. Retroactivity. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2395 applies retroactively to January 1, 2026.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that, until January 1, 2026, incident reports submitted by municipal fire chiefs to the State Fire Marshal within the Department of Public Safety be submitted in a manner consistent with a national fire incident reporting system or, as available, a national emergency response information system. On or after January 1, 2026, those reports must be submitted in a manner consistent with a national emergency response information system or a successor system as determined by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, United States Fire Administration. These provisions apply retroactively to January 1, 2026. The bill also authorizes the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules to collect statewide incident response data and facilitate the transition from a national fire incident reporting system to a national emergency response information system.