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confidentiality of employee records is abrogated in relation to required reporting, cooperating with the department or guardian ad litem in an investigation or other child protective activity or giving evidence in a child protective proceeding.

§4017. Discrimination

No person may be discriminated against by any employer in any way for participating in good faith in reporting under this subchapter or in a related child protection investigation or proceeding.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §4023, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is amended to read:

A. Prior to or on initiating short-term emergency services, the department or agency shall take reasonable steps to notify a custodian that the child will receive or is receiving the services.

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §4061, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is amended to read:

1. Department. The department shall care for a child ordered into its custody in licensed or approved family foster homes ~~or other appropriate facilities for children~~, in other residential child care facilities or in other living arrangements as appropriate to meet the child's individual needs.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 355

H.P. 1109 - L.D. 1462

AN ACT to Clarify Method of Payment of
Salaries to County Commissioners.

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

30 MRSA §106, 1st ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c. 245, §2, is further amended to read:

The county commissioners in the several counties shall receive annual salaries as set forth in section 2 from the treasurer of the counties in weekly, biweekly, monthly, semiannual or annual payments, as determined by the county commissioners. If such

these payments are made monthly, they shall be made on the last day of each month; if semiannually, they shall be made on the last day of June and the last day of December; if annually, they shall be made on the last day of December.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 356

H.P. 1202 - L.D. 1596

AN ACT to Provide a Statement of Birth Parents' Identity for Adoptees.

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

22 MRSA §2766 is enacted to read:

§2766. Statement of birth parents' identity

A person 18 years of age or older, born and adopted in this State, may apply to the state registrar for a statement identifying his birth parents. The adoptee shall submit to the state registrar the following:

1. Proof. Proof that the birth parents are deceased;

2. Affidavit. An affidavit from a blood relative who is not a sibling and who is at least 10 years older than the adoptee, verifying that the adoptee lived with the birth parents for 5 years; and

3. Order. An order from the Probate Court or Superior Court authorizing the state registrar to open the original birth certificate to verify the identity of the birth parents.

Upon verification of the information in this section, the state registrar shall prepare a form identifying the birth parents of the adoptee. This form shall be attached to the new certificate of birth established pursuant to section 2765. A copy of the form shall be attached to an abstract of birth issued by the Office of Vital Statistics and shall be provided to the adoptee.

A statement of identification of the birth parents shall not affect the rights of inheritance and