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In addition to the medical and social services information provided, the department shall strongly encourage and counsel each person receiving this information to report the rape, gross sexual misconduct, incest or sexual abuse to the appropriate authorities for criminal prosecution and shall assist that person in making the report, if requested.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 376

H.P. 1070 - L.D. 1551

AN ACT to Clarify Taxpayer Information on Local Property Tax Bills.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature will fall on a date after which many local property tax bills will have already been prepared; and

Whereas, this bill is immediately necessary to relieve municipalities from the burden of making individual calculations for each tax bill prepared; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

36 MRSA §507, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 855, §3, is amended to read:

§507. Taxpayer information

~~Beginning January 1, 1985,~~ When When a municipality issues a property tax bill to each taxpayer, each bill shall contain a statement or calculation that demonstrates the amount or percentage by which the taxpayer's tax has been reduced by the distribution of state-municipal revenue sharing and state aid for

education. The State Tax Assessor shall annually provide each municipality with the amount of state-municipal revenue sharing and state aid for education subject to identification under this section.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 20, 1985.

CHAPTER 377

S.P. 587 - L.D. 1544

AN ACT to Establish Legislative Council Oversight of Expenditures for Joint Standing Committees, Joint Select Committees and Legislative Investigating Committees.

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §165, sub-§7, as amended by PL 1975, c. 770, §6, is further amended to read:

7. Other subpoenas, etc. When the duties assigned to a committee so require, the Legislature may grant to it the power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any papers, books, accounts, documents and testimony, and to cause the deposition of witnesses, whether residing within or without the State to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for taking depositions in civil actions in the Superior Court. When the Legislature grants this power to a joint standing committee or joint select committee, such committee shall function as an investigating committee and shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 21. No appropriation or allocation may be made for a specific study unless the Legislative Council has first approved a budget adopted by the joint standing committee which is to conduct the study. No appropriation or allocation may be made for the operation of any joint select committee unless the Legislative Council has first approved a budget adopted by the joint select committee. In case of disobedience on the part of any person to comply with any subpoena issued in behalf of a committee, or on the refusal of any witness to testify to any matters regarding which he may be lawfully interrogated, it shall be the duty of the Superior