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**Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Availability of
Information Regarding Related Incidents in Domestic Violence
Cases**

(EMERGENCY)

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 RECKITT of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** this legislation establishes the Commission To Study the Availability of
4 Information Regarding Related Incidents in Domestic Violence Cases; and

5 **Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that
6 the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next
7 legislative session; and

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

12 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission To Study
13 the Availability of Information Regarding Related Incidents in Domestic Violence Cases,
14 referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be it further

15 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
16 13 members appointed as follows:

17 1. Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including
18 members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature.
19 When making the appointments, the President shall give preference to members of the
20 Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Standing
21 Committee on Judiciary;

22 2. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
23 House of Representatives, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the
24 largest number of seats in the Legislature. When making the appointments, the Speaker
25 shall give preference to members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice
26 and Public Safety and the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary;

27 3. The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

28 4. The Executive Director of the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, or the
29 executive director's designee;

30 5. A representative of the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse under
31 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 4013, appointed by the Speaker of the
32 House of Representatives;

33 6. A judge from the District Court, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme
34 Judicial Court;

35 7. A representative of the Maine Prosecutors Association, appointed by the Attorney
36 General; and

