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House of Representatives, March 5, 2021

**An Act To Ensure the Safety of Certain State Employees by  
Allowing Disclosure of Certain Confidential Information in Limited  
Circumstances**

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Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§2, ¶A-2** is enacted to read:

3 A-2. An administrator of a social media service, to the extent authorized by a court for  
4 reporting, investigating or removing a threat or serious intimidation attempt directed  
5 against an employee of the department, an employee of the Attorney General's office,  
6 a guardian ad litem or an officer of any court or court system. The information remains  
7 confidential and the social media service may not disclose any of the information  
8 provided by the department. For the purposes of this subsection, "social media service"  
9 means an electronic medium or service through which users create, share and view  
10 user-generated content;

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill allows the Department of Health and Human Services, with court  
13 authorization, to release confidential information maintained in its child protective records  
14 to an administrator of a social media service to report, investigate or remove a threat or  
15 serious intimidation attempt directed at department staff, an employee of the Attorney  
16 General's office, a guardian ad litem or a court officer. The bill also defines the term "social  
17 media service" and prohibits a social media service from disclosing the confidential  
18 information provided by the department.