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**STATE OF MAINE
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129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1087, L.D. 1485, Bill, “An Act To Create an At-risk Persons Program in Maine”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Create a Contact Person Program in the Department of Public Safety'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2917 is enacted to read:

§2917. Contact person program

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Contact person program" or "program" means the program developed and operated pursuant to this section.

B. "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as in section 3701, subsection 3.

C. "Participating person" means a person:

(1) Who voluntarily provides to a law enforcement agency contact information for a person or persons to assist with communications; or

(2) Who has a legal guardian under Title 18-C, section 5-301 or 5-701 and for whom the legal guardian provides to a law enforcement agency contact information to assist with communications.

2. Contact person program. The Department of Public Safety shall develop and implement a contact person program to assist a law enforcement officer with communications with a participating person during an encounter between the participating person and the law enforcement officer. The program must provide the law enforcement officer with access to contact information for a person that is voluntarily submitted by a participating person or the legal guardian of a participating person. The

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1 program must interface with the State's telecommunications and radio message switching
 2 system.

3 **3. Standards of procedure.** The program must include standards of procedure for
 4 law enforcement agencies consistent with policies adopted by the Department of Public
 5 Safety. The standards must address processing the application of a participating person
 6 or that person's legal guardian, determining the validity of identity and legal guardianship
 7 information, entering contact information into the State's telecommunications and radio
 8 message switching system, procedures for a participating person or that person's legal
 9 guardian to withdraw from the program and procedures for a law enforcement officer to
 10 access contact information.

11 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 12 allocations are made.

13 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

14 **State Police 0291**

15 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for computer programming to create a database to
 16 identify participating persons who are part of the contact person program.

17	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
18	All Other	\$26,000	\$0
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20	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$26,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

21	HIGHWAY FUND	2019-20	2020-21
22	All Other	\$14,000	\$0
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24	HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$14,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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 26 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
 27 section number to read consecutively.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This amendment replaces the bill and title. The amendment requires the Department
 30 of Public Safety to develop and implement a contact person program, a voluntary
 31 program to assist a law enforcement officer with communications with a participating
 32 person during an encounter between the participating person and the law enforcement
 33 officer. A participating person is a person who voluntarily applies or whose legal
 34 guardian applies to the program. The program must provide the law enforcement officer
 35 with access to contact information and must interface with the State's telecommunications
 36 and radio message switching system. The program must include standards of procedure

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1 for law enforcement agencies consistent with policies adopted by the department. The
2 amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

4 **(See attached)**