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## An Act To Increase to a Class C Crime the Failure To Report a Missing Child within 24 Hours

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Presented by Representative OLSEN of Phippsburg. Cosponsored by Representatives: MAKER of Calais, McCABE of Skowhegan, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, SANDERSON of Chelsea, VOLK of Scarborough, Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, MASON of Androscoggin, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.

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1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §558 is enacted to read:
3	§558. Failure to report a missing child
4 5 6 7	<b>1.</b> A person is guilty of failure to report a missing child if that person, being the parent, foster parent, guardian or other person having care or custody of a child, knowingly fails to notify a law enforcement agency of the child's disappearance within 24 hours of becoming aware that the child is missing when that person:
8	A. Knows that the child is missing; and
9	B. Knows or reasonably should know that the child is potentially in danger.
10	2. Failure to report a missing child is a Class C crime.
11	SUMMARY
12 13 14	This bill, modeled after "Caylee's Law," introduced in the State of Florida, makes failing to report a missing child within 24 hours of becoming aware that the child is missing a Class C crime.