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House of Representatives, April 7, 2021

**An Act Directing the Maine Center for Disease Control and  
Prevention To Release Annually Public Health Data Regarding  
Certain Fatalities and Hospitalizations**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, DOUDERA of Camden,  
MATHIESON of Kittery, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, OSHER of Orono, SACHS of  
Freeport, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: SANBORN of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §20, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 523, §1, is amended to  
3 read:

4 **2. Annual report.** The director shall report annually to the joint standing committee  
5 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on:

6 A. Challenges and threats to the health of the residents of the State; ~~and~~

7 B. The ways in which the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention has  
8 responded to those challenges and threats and has aided in keeping the residents of the  
9 State healthy and safe-;

10 C. Public health data concerning firearm fatalities in the State, separated by:

11 (1) The number of homicides, including the number of homicides that were the  
12 result of domestic violence, further separated by the ages of the victims for each;

13 (2) Suicides, further separated by the ages of the victims;

14 (3) Accidents, further separated by the ages of the victims; and

15 (4) The type, make and model of firearm used in incidents described in  
16 subparagraphs (1) to (3); and

17 D. Hospitalizations that occurred as a result of a firearm but did not result in death,  
18 including the type, make and model of firearm used.

19 The Commissioner of Public Safety shall assist the director with the collection of the data  
20 required in paragraphs C and D. The director shall make the report under paragraphs C  
21 and D publicly available.

## 22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill requires the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention  
24 within the Department of Health and Human Services to include in the director's annual  
25 report to the Legislature, with the assistance of the Commissioner of Public Safety, public  
26 health data concerning firearm fatalities separated by homicides, including the number of  
27 domestic violence homicides, suicides and accidents, further separated by the ages of the  
28 victims of each category, and the type, make and model of the firearm used, and  
29 hospitalizations that occurred as a result of a firearm that did not result in death and the  
30 type, make and model of firearm used, and to make the report publicly available.