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An Act To Require School Bus Drivers and School Bus Attendants To Report Suspected Child Abuse

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4011-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2007, c. 577, §6, is further amended to read:

A. When acting in a professional capacity:

- (1) An allopathic or osteopathic physician, resident or intern;
- (2) An emergency medical services person;
- (3) A medical examiner;
- (4) A physician's assistant;
- (5) A dentist;
- (6) A dental hygienist;
- (7) A dental assistant;
- (8) A chiropractor;
- (9) A podiatrist;
- (10) A registered or licensed practical nurse;
- (11) A teacher;
- (12) A guidance counselor;
- (13) A school official;

- (14) A children's summer camp administrator or counselor;
- (15) A social worker;
- (16) A court-appointed special advocate or guardian ad litem for the child;
- (17) A homemaker;
- (18) A home health aide;
- (19) A medical or social service worker;
- (20) A psychologist;
- (21) Child care personnel;
- (22) A mental health professional;
- (23) A law enforcement official;
- (24) A state or municipal fire inspector;
- (25) A municipal code enforcement official;
- (26) A commercial film and photographic print processor;
- (27) A clergy member acquiring the information as a result of clerical professional work except for information received during confidential communications;
- (28) A chair of a professional licensing board that has jurisdiction over mandated reporters;
- (29) A humane agent employed by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources;
- (30) A sexual assault counselor; and

(31) A family or domestic violence victim advocate; and

(32) A school bus driver or school bus attendant;

SUMMARY

This bill requires school bus drivers and school bus attendants to report, or cause a report to be made, to the Department of Health and Human Services if they suspect child abuse or neglect has occurred or is likely to occur.