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Amendment to HB 1612-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the confidentiality of reports made to the division for children, youth, and
4 families.
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6 Amend the bill by deleting section 1 and renumbering the original sections 2-5 to read as 1-4,
7 respectively.
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9 Amend RSA 169-C:30 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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11 169-C:30 Nature and Content of Report. An oral report shall be made immediately by telephone
12 or otherwise, and followed within 48 hours by a report in writing, if so requested, to the department.
13 Such report shall, if known, contain the name and address of the child suspected of being neglected
14 or abused and the person responsible for the child's welfare, the specific information indicating
15 neglect or the nature and extent of the child's injuries (including any evidence of previous injuries),
16 the identity of the person or persons suspected of being responsible for such neglect or abuse, and
17 any other information that might be helpful in establishing neglect or abuse or that may be required
18 by the department. ***Reports made to the department may include the name, address, or***
19 ***phone number of the person or persons making the report of suspected abuse or neglect of a***
20 ***child under this chapter. The department may inform the complainant that should the***
21 ***complaint be made maliciously or with intent to harm, the complainant may be subject to***
22 ***criminal and civil penalties.***

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24 Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

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26 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2023.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that reports of suspected abuse and neglect may include the name of the person making the report and provides that the person's identity shall be fully confidential unless such a person makes such a report in bad faith or maliciously and with intent to cause harm, in which case the person may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.