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**RE: H3443 An Act Relative to Privacy of Juvenile Records**  
**DT: 15 September 2015**

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary,

Thank you for hearing *H3443, An Act Relative to Privacy of Juvenile Records* before your committee on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

This bill updates the language for keeping a minor's record from public disclosure, including explicitly banning the posting of the information on a public access website. This bill also adds punitive language to those that disclose the information. The punishment would be a fine, maximum of \$5,000, or not more than 2.5 years in prison. The bill also outlines when disclosure of the child's record is permissible by the court, such as to a hospital.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H3443, An Act Relative to Privacy of Juvenile Records* be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux