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H.P. 606

House of Representatives, March 9, 1993

An Act Regarding Supervision of Foster Children during Visitation.

. Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative RYDELL of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CASHMAN of Old Town, CATHCART of Orono, COLES of Harpswell, DAGGETT of Augusta, DORE of Auburn, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, GWADOSKY of Fairfield, HOLT of Bath, MELENDY of Rockland, PENDLETON of Scarborough, TOWNSEND of Canaan, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BUSTIN of Kennebec, O'DEA of Penobscot.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	G 1 00 B 5 D G A 0 40 C A A
4	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4064-A is enacted to read:
4	\$4064-A. Visitation; supervision
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	The department is responsible for ensuring appropriate
8	supervision of visits between children in its custody and their
	biological parents or other persons having visitation rights.
10	The department shall consult with the foster parents association,
	representatives of biological parents and community social
12	service agencies to determine and establish appropriate standards
	for supervision. The department may not require or allow foster
14	parents to supervise these visits.
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18	STATEMENT OF FACT
20	This bill establishes that it is the responsibility of the
20	Department of Human Services and not that of foster parents to
22	ensure appropriate supervision of visits between children in its
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