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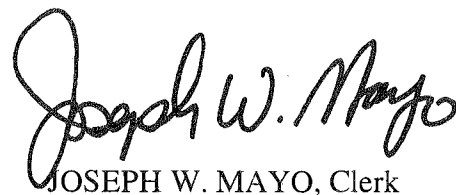
No. 738

H.P. 547

House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

**An Act to Require Child Support for Juveniles in the Custody of the
Department of Corrections.**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples.
Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and
Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, MAYO of Bath,
MITCHELL of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, PEAVEY of Woolwich, WINGLASS of Auburn,
Senator: BENNETT of Oxford.

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

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Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3314, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 400, §3, is amended to read:

5. **Support orders.** Whenever the court commits a juvenile to the Department of Corrections or the Department of Human Services or to a relative or other person, the court may order either or both parents of the juvenile to pay a reasonable amount of support for the juvenile. The order is enforceable under Title 19, section 774 or Title 19-A, section 2603. A parent may not be required to pay support for a juvenile during any period when the juvenile resides in ~~the Maine Youth Center or~~ a county jail.

SUMMARY

The law currently authorizes the courts to order parents to make reasonable support payments for juveniles committed to the Department of Human Services, a relative or another person. This bill authorizes the courts to order support for juveniles committed to the Department of Corrections as well. The bill also specifies that orders made pursuant to the section are enforceable under the domestic relations provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19 and Title 19-A.