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An Act To Amend the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4003, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. AA, §3, is
further amended to read:

3. Rehabilitation and reunification. Give family rehabilitation and reunification
priority Require that reasonable efforts be made to rehabilitate and reunify families as a
means for protecting the welfare of children, but prevent needless delay for permanent
plans for children when rehabilitation and reunification is not possible;

SUMMARY

9 This bill amends the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act to require 10 that reasonable efforts be made to rehabilitate and reunify families as a means for 11 protecting the welfare of children. Current law requires giving family rehabilitation and 12 reunification priority as a means for protecting the welfare of children.