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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 321, L.D. 492, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for Parental Rights"

Amend the resolution by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect the Fundamental Rights of Parents'

Amend the resolution in that part designated "Constitution, Art. I, §26" in §26 in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 9 and 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "absent abuse or neglect by the parent or guardian or criminal acts by the minor" and inserting the following: 'unless the infringement is narrowly tailored to achieve a compelling state interest, including the State's compelling interests in the prevention of child abuse or neglect, the prevention of criminal conduct by minors and the rehabilitation of minors who have been found to have committed criminal conduct'

Amend the resolution by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, clarifies that the State, its political subdivisions and all governmental entities may not infringe on the authority of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care for the physical, mental and spiritual health of their children unless the infringement is narrowly tailored to achieve a compelling state interest, including the State's compelling interest in the prevention of child abuse or neglect, the prevention of criminal conduct by minors and the rehabilitation of minors who have been found to have committed criminal conduct.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



Approved: 03/20/25 **LRL**

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LD 492

LR 1308(02)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for Parental Rights

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

A (H-146)

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-25	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$341,000 may be required.