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L.D. 1544

Date: 4/12/20

(Filing No. S-1083)

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 628, L.D. 1544, "An Act to Support Families by Improving the Court Process for Child Protection Cases"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th instructional paragraphs (page 2, lines 7 to 14 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 5 to 9.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 9.

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

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the requirement that a petition for termination of parental rights include a detailed statement of specific reasonable efforts the Department of Health and Human Services has made to rehabilitate and reunify the child with the child's parent or why those efforts were not required and the requirement that the court in a contested termination of parental rights hearing make a specific finding that the department has met certain obligations. The amendment also removes the appropriations and allocations section.

SPONSORED BY: Rotundo JR

(Senator ROTUNDO, M.)

COUNTY: Androscoggin

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1544

LR 671(04)

An Act to Support Families by Improving the Court Process for Child Protection Cases

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-683)
 Sponsor: Sen. Rotundo of Androscoggin
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$1,220,167)	(\$1,220,167)	(\$1,220,167)	(\$1,220,167)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$1,220,167)	(\$1,220,167)	(\$1,220,167)	(\$1,220,167)
Federal Expenditures Fund	(\$1,220,167)	(\$1,220,167)	(\$1,220,167)	(\$1,220,167)
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	(\$1,220,167)	(\$1,220,167)	(\$1,220,167)	(\$1,220,167)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment removes the ongoing appropriations and allocations beginning in fiscal year 2025-26. A potential future biennium cost increase to the Department of Health and Human Services may result from adopting the changes in this bill.