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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-100)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 620, L. D. 703, Bill, "AN ACT to Facilitate the Distribution of Child Custody Reports."

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. 19 MRSA §751, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 293, §4, is further amended by adding after the 2nd sentence 2 new sentences to read:

The report shall not be further copied or distributed by anyone. A person who \leftarrow \rightarrow violates a provision of this section commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$500 may be adjudged.'

Further amend the bill by renumbering section 3 to be section 4.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end, before the Statement of Fact, the following:

'Sec. 5. 19 MRSA §752,/^{first ¶,}5th sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 293, §5, is further amended to read:

It may alter its order concerning the care, custody and support of the minor children from time to time as circumstances require, whether or not either parent be then living, upon motion of either party, such society or institution as aforesaid, the State Department of Human Services, any 3rd person to whom care or custody has been granted, any blood relative or any person standing in loco parentis to said minor children; change the name of the wife, at her request; and in execution of the powers given it under this Title may employ any compulsory process which it deems proper, by execution, attach-

ment or other effectual form, on which costs shall be taxed as in other actions. '

Statement of Fact

This amendment is to ensure the confidentiality of child custody reports by requiring that once the court and counsel of record have received copies of the investigative report in child custody cases they may not further copy or distribute it. A penalty is provided for such copying or distribution.

The last section of the amendment is to remove an unnecessary word from the statutes.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.
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