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L.D. 1131

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 877, L.D. 1131,
Bill, "AN ACT to Revise the Truancy Laws."

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting
clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4002, sub-§5-A is enacted to
read:

5-A. Deprivation of educational opportunity.
"Deprivation of educational opportunity"
means acts of commission or omission by a custodial
parent or a custodian which results in a child's non-
attendance in an appropriate educational program.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4002, sub-§6, ¶B, as enacted by
PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is amended to read:

B. Deprivation of adequate food, clothing,
shelter, education, supervision or care, includ-
ing health care when that deprivation causes a
threat of serious harm;

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4002, sub-§10, ¶¶B and C, as
enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, are amended to read:

B. Serious mental injury or impairment, evi-
denced by severe anxiety, depression or with-
drawal, untoward aggressive behavior or similar
serious dysfunctional behavior; ~~or~~

C. Sexual abuse or exploitation; or

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §4002, sub-§10, ¶D is enacted to
read:

D. Deprivation of educational opportunity for a

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1 child mandated by Title 20-A, section 5001, to
2 attend school.'

3 Further amend the bill in section 1, paragraph
4 A-1 by striking out the last 2 sentences (page 1,
5 lines 31 to 34 and page 2, lines 1 to 5 in L.D.)

6 Further amend the bill by striking out sections
7 2, 3 and 4

8 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sec-
9 tions to read consecutively.

10 STATEMENT OF FACT

11 The purpose of this amendment is to include the
12 concept of "Deprivation of Educational Opportunity"
13 in the Child and Families Services and Child Protec-
14 tion Act. This will allow family intervention by the
15 Department of Human Services when a child is truant,
16 as defined in Title 20-A.

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