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L.D. 1065

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 385, L.D. 1065, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend Certain Provisions of the Laws Pertaining to Child Support."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 19 MRSA §214, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Special consideration for education. For new actions commenced after January 1, 1986, nothing may prevent the court from entering an order of child support for or on behalf of an unemancipated child, which order may require the continuation of child support until the child has attained his 18th birthday or until termination of the child's secondary education, whichever event occurs later, provided that in no case may child support be ordered to continue after the child has attained his 20th birthday.

Sec. 2. 19 MRSA §303, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 175, is amended by adding a 3rd paragraph to read:

For new actions commenced after January 1, 1986, nothing may prevent the court from entering an order of child support for or on behalf of an unemancipated child, which order may require the continuation of child support until the child has attained his 18th birthday or until termination of the child's secondary education, whichever event occurs later, provided that in no case may child support be ordered to continue after the child has attained his 20th birthday.

Sec. 3. 19 MRSA §493, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 532, §3, is repealed and the following en-

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1 acted in its place:

2 4. "Dependent child" means any minor child who
3 is not emancipated or an unemancipated child who has
4 not completed his secondary education and has not at-
5 tained his 20th birthday.

6 Sec. 4. 19 MRSA §581, sub-§12 is enacted to
7 read:

8 12. Special consideration for education. For
9 new actions commenced after January 1, 1986, nothing
10 may prevent the court from entering an order of child
11 support for or on behalf of an unemancipated child,
12 which order may require the continuation of child
13 support until the child has attained his 18th birth-
14 day or until termination of the child's secondary ed-
15 ucation, whichever event occurs later, provided that
16 in no case may child support be ordered to continue
17 after the child has attained his 20th birthday.

18 Sec. 5. 19 MRSA §752, sub-§14 is enacted to
19 read:

20 14. Special consideration for education. For
21 new actions commenced after January 1, 1986, nothing
22 may prevent the court from entering an order of child
23 support for or on behalf of an unemancipated child,
24 which order may require the continuation of child
25 support until the child has attained his 18th birth-
26 day or until termination of the child's secondary ed-
27 ucation, whichever event occurs later, provided that
28 in no case may child support be ordered to continue
29 after the child has attained his 20th birthday.'

30 STATEMENT OF FACT

31 The purpose of this amendment is to provide that,
32 in all situations where child support may be ordered
33 judicially or administratively when the child's par-
34 ents are living apart, child support payments may be

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1 ordered to continue past the age of 18 if the child's
2 secondary education has not terminated. The amend-
3 ment adds an upper age limit on the continuation of
4 child support in situations where the child is at-
5 tending secondary school. In no case may child sup-
6 port be ordered to continue even if the child is
7 still in secondary school, once the child has reached
8 the age of 20.

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Reported by the Majority for the Committee on Judiciary.
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