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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1001, L.D. 1390, Bill, "An Act to Ensure that Child Support Payments Benefit the Family"

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

Sec. 1. 19 MRSA §498, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1985, c. 652, §26, is further amended to read:

3. Action upon failure to appear. If the responsible parent fails to appear at the hearing on the date specified by the notice of debt, the hearing officer shall enter a decision pursuant to subsection 4, paragraph B. Within ~~30-days~~ one year of service of the decision, the responsible parent may petition the department to vacate the decision if the responsible parent can ~~show any grounds which would permit relief from judgment in a civil action~~ shows good cause.

Sec. 2. 19 MRSA §498-A, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 337, §4, is amended to read:

3. Action upon failure to appear. If the responsible parent fails to appear at the hearing on the date specified by the notice of debt, the hearing officer shall enter a decision pursuant to subsection 4, paragraph B. Within ~~30-days~~ one year of service of the decision, the responsible parent may petition the department to vacate the decision if the responsible parent can ~~show any grounds which permit relief from judgment in a civil action~~ shows good cause.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment provides that responsible parents who have defaulted upon an initial notice of debt may petition the Department of Human Services to vacate the decision of debt for good cause within one year of the decision.