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STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "**B**" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 210,
L.D. 301, Bill, "An Act to Promote the Emotional Health of
Children During Periods of Stress"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 2 to 4
(page 2, lines 13 to 38 in amendment) and inserting in their
place the following:

Sec. 2. 19 MRSA §214, sub-§4-B is enacted to read:

4-B. Parental education. The court shall recommend, orally
or by means of printed material, to parties with minor children
that they attend the educational program established under Title
4, section 9-C before a final hearing under this section. A
party may not be required to attend the educational program and a
party's attendance or nonattendance may not be used as evidence
in a proceeding under this title.

This subsection is repealed July 1, 1993.

Sec. 3. 19 MRSA §581, sub-§4-B is enacted to read:

4-B. Parental education. The court shall recommend, orally
or by means of printed material, to parties with minor children
that they attend the educational program established under Title
4, section 9-C before a final hearing under this section. A
party may not be required to attend the educational program and a
party's attendance or nonattendance may not be used as evidence
in a proceeding under this title.

This subsection is repealed July 1, 1993.

Sec. 4. 19 MRSA §752, sub-§4-B is enacted to read:

2 4-B. Parental education. The court shall recommend, orally
3 or by means of printed material, to parties with minor children
4 that they attend the educational program established under Title
5 4, section 9-C before a final hearing under this section. A
6 party may not be required to attend the educational program and a
7 party's attendance or nonattendance may not be used as evidence
8 in a proceeding under this title.

9 This subsection is repealed July 1, 1993.'

10 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the
11 fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

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13 **FISCAL NOTE**

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15 This bill requires the Supreme Judicial Court to establish
16 rules with regard to implementing a parental education program
17 and to recommend, orally or in writing, attendance at a parental
18 education program. The Judicial Department will absorb the costs
19 associated with rulemaking and reporting to the Legislature and,
20 if a recommendation is made by means of printed material rather
21 than orally, these costs will be absorbed within budgeted
22 resources.'

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25 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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27 The committee amendment authorizes the court to require
28 parties to a divorce who have minor children to attend the
29 educational program. This amendment requires that the court
30 recommend such parties attend the educational program, but does
31 not allow the court to require attendance. It also prohibits a
32 party's attendance or nonattendance as evidence in the proceeding.
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