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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " C " 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 may 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 may not be held in contempt for not attending the program.

This subsection is repealed July 1, 1993.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 may 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 may not be held in contempt for not attending the program.

This subsection is repealed July 1, 1993.

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

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2 4-B. Parental education. The court may 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 may not be held in contempt for not attending the program.

8 This subsection is repealed July 1, 1993.'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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14 **FISCAL NOTE**

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

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26 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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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36 (Senator BERUBE)
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39 COUNTY: Androscoggin

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