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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 803, L.D. 1149, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Child Support Law to Include Coverage for Children in College"

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 §214, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:

9-A. Support order for child in postsecondary education. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, after January 1, 1992 the court may order either parent to provide child support related to postsecondary education costs for a child pursuing postsecondary education, but not beyond the child's 21st birthday.

Sec. 2. 19 MRSA §303, sub-§2, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for decrees issued after January 1, 1992, the decree remains in force while the child is pursuing postsecondary education, but not beyond the child's 21st birthday;

Sec. 3. 19 MRSA §581, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:

9-A. Support order for child in postsecondary education. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, after January 1, 1992 the court may order either parent to provide child support related to postsecondary education costs for a child pursuing postsecondary education, but not beyond the child's 21st birthday.

Sec. 4. 19 MRSA §752, sub-§10-A is enacted to read

10-A. Support order for child in postsecondary education. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, after January 1, 1992 the court may order either parent to provide child support related to postsecondary education costs for a child pursuing postsecondary education, but not beyond the child's 21st birthday.

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FISCAL NOTE

This bill extends the time a parent is responsible for paying child support for orders of child support entered after January 1, 1992. There will be additional support enforcement cases to be handled by the Department of Human Services resulting in an increase in child support collections. The additional case load and associated administrative costs will be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Department of Human Services. The additional dedicated revenue resulting from the increased collections can not be determined at this time.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. The amendment provides that child support may be required by a child support order for a child who is pursuing postsecondary education, but not beyond the child's 21st birthday. The amendment includes a fiscal note.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Judiciary
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