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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1229, L.D. 1793, Bill, "An Act to Ensure Notification of Guardians Ad Litem of Changes in Foster Care Placement of Children"

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

'22 MRSA §4041, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 161 is amended to read:

3. Notice to guardian ad litem. The department shall notify the guardian ad litem, as described in section 4005, of any substantial change in circumstances that may have an impact on the best interests of the child. A substantial change in circumstances includes but is not limited to any change in the child's residence.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill instructs the Department of Human Services to inform the guardian ad litem of any substantial change in circumstances, including changing the placement of that child. The costs associated with the additional notification to guardians ad litem will be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Department of Human Services.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The amendment replaces the original bill. The original bill requires that the guardian ad litem be notified regarding any change in a child's foster placement. The amendment achieves the same end by amending existing law rather than creating a new section. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.