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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1055, L.D. 1407, Bill, "An Act Concerning Primary Care and Parental Rights and Responsibilities in Cases of Domestic Abuse"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Establishing a Study Concerning Parental Rights and Responsibilities in Cases of Domestic Abuse'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Study. Resolved: That the following organizations form a study group to participate in examining the issues concerning parental rights and responsibilities in cases of domestic abuse and develop recommendations to be presented to the Legislature:

1. Maine Coalition for Family Crisis Services
2. Family Law Section, Maine State Bar Association;
3. Maine Children's Alliance;
4. Maine Association of Mental Health Services;
5. Pine Tree Legal Assistance;

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2 6. Maine Women's Lobby; and

4 7. Maine Commission on Domestic Abuse.

6 The study group shall invite participation by the Judicial
8 Department, the Department of the Attorney General and the
10 Department of Human Services, Bureau of Child and Family
12 Services. The study group may invite participation by any other
interested persons or organizations. The Maine Coalition for
Family Crisis Services will serve as the coordinator of the study
group; and be it further

14 **Sec. 2. Issues. Resolved:** That the study group examine and
develop recommendations concerning:

16 1. Supervised visitations, including development of
18 services and facilities to make supervised visitations possible;

20 2. Cost of providing supervised visitations, including
responsibility for payment;

22 3. Batterers' treatment programs;

24 4. Effect on the judicial system; and

26 5. Any other issues the study group determines appropriate;
28 and be it further

30 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the study group provide a
report of its activities, along with any accompanying
32 legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
having jurisdiction over judiciary matters by January 15, 1995.'

34 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
36 statement of fact the following:

38 **FISCAL NOTE**

40 The additional costs to participate in the study concerning
parental rights and responsibilities in cases of domestic abuse
42 can be absorbed by the Department of Human Services, the
Department of the Attorney General and the Judicial Department
44 utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

46 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

48 This amendment replaces the bill. It creates a study group
50 of members of interested organizations to examine the issues

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2 involved in parental rights and responsibilities when domestic
abuse is involved. The study group will ask for participation
4 from state agencies and may ask others to participate as well.
The study group will report to the joint standing committee of
6 the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters by
January 15, 1995.

8 The study group will receive no General Fund money.

10 This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.