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H.P. 603

House of Representatives, March 14, 1995

An Act to Replace Existing Child Support Guidelines.

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, O'NEAL of Limestone, TRUMAN
of Biddeford, Senator: PARADIS of Aroostook.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 19 MRSA §303-B** is enacted to read:

6 **§303-B. Child support table**

8 The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules in
10 accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act
12 establishing a child support table incorporating the schedule of
basic child support obligations of the 1994 Connecticut Child
Support and Arrearage Guidelines to be effective on January 1,
1996.

14 **Sec. 2. 19 MRSA §311, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 834,
16 Pt. A, is amended to read:

18 **3. Child support table.** "Child support table" means the
20 schedule that reflects the percentage of combined gross income
22 parents living in the same household in this State ordinarily
spend on their children that has been adopted by the Department
of Human Services under ~~former~~ section 303-A 303-B.

24 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** That section of this Act that amends
26 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19, section 311, subsection 3
takes effect January 1, 1996.

28 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

30 This bill requires the Department of Human Services to adopt
32 rules establishing a child support table that incorporates the
Connecticut Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines adopted by the
34 Connecticut Commission for Child Support Guidelines in 1994. The
schedule must be adopted by January 1, 1996. The definition of
36 "child support table" is amended to reflect the change, effective
January 1, 1996.