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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 547, L.D. 738, Bill, "An Act to Require Child Support for Juveniles in the Custody of the Department of Corrections"

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

'An Act to Allow Child Support for Juveniles Committed to the Maine Youth Center'

Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 1, lines 6 to 14 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'5. Support orders. Whenever the court commits a juvenile to the Department of Human Services, to the Maine Youth Center or to a relative or other person, the court may order either or both parents of the juvenile to pay a reasonable amount of support for the juvenile. The order is enforceable under Title 19-A, section 2603. A parent may not be required to pay support for a juvenile during any period when the juvenile resides in the ~~Maine Youth Center~~-~~or~~ a county jail.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Corrections may experience minor increases in General Fund revenue due to the possibility of court-ordered support payments from the parents of juveniles committed to the department.

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2 The additional costs associated with enforcing these support
orders can be absorbed by the Department of Human Services
4 utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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10 This amendment correctly indicates that a juvenile may be
committed to the Maine Youth Center, not the Department of
Corrections. It also deletes the cross-reference to Title 19,
12 leaving the cross-reference to the new Title 19-A section that
governs methods that the court may use to enforce child support.
14 This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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