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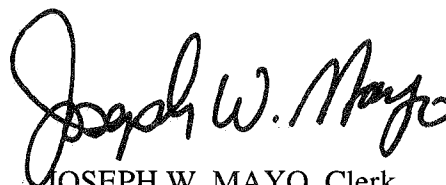
No. 844

H.P. 619

House of Representatives, February 6, 1997

An Act to Streamline the Process of Foster Child Placement.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and
Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, LOVETT of Scarborough, MITCHELL of Portland,
QUINT of Portland, WINSOR of Norway, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, PARADIS of
Aroostook, PENDLETON of Cumberland.

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4064, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is amended to read:

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A. The child has been in foster care for ~~one-year~~ 6 months or parental rights have been terminated;

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SUMMARY

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This bill reduces from 12 months to 6 months the time period for a child in foster care to qualify for long-term foster care absent a termination of parental rights. The bill does not change the other requirements for eligibility.