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No. 794

S.P. 276

In Senate, January 28, 1999

An Act to Ensure That Child Support Obligations are Met.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §2302**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt.
B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

6 **§2302. Limitation of debt**

8 A ~~responsible parent incurs a debt may-not-be-incurred~~ under
10 section 2301 ~~by-a-responsible-parent~~ while that parent receives
12 public assistance for the benefit of a biological or adopted
14 child of that parent. A debt ~~previously~~ incurred under section
2301 may not be collected from a responsible parent while that
parent receives public assistance for the benefit of a biological
or adopted child of that parent.

16 **SUMMARY**

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20 Current law provides that a parent, while receiving public
22 assistance, does not incur a debt for the support provided to
24 that parent's child by the Department of Human Services. This
bill holds the parent responsible for that support, and allows
the department to collect reimbursement for the support once the
parent no longer receives public assistance.