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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1202, L.D. 1624, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Payment of Child Support"

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §2154, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

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4-A. Independent contractors. The State, when acting in the capacity of an employer, and employers who contract with the State to provide services worth more than \$1,000 shall report to the department the hiring of an independent contractor to perform work under the contract or for the State in the same manner as the hiring of an employee is reported.'

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

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'FISCAL NOTE

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The Department of Human Services may experience an increase in Other Special Revenue from increased child support collections. The amount can not be determined at this time but is expected to be minor. The department may experience increased costs from child support payments resulting from this additional revenue.

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The additional costs associated with reporting certain information to the Department of Human Services can be absorbed by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services' Division of Purchases utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. It replaces the bill.

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8 This amendment requires the reporting of the hiring of
10 independent contractors to the Department of Human Services in
12 order to locate people who should be paying child support and to
14 verify their ability to pay. Those required to report are the
16 State and any employer who contracts with the State to provide
services worth more than \$1,000. All employers are currently
required to report their new employees; this amendment extends
the reporting to some independent contractors whose hiring would
otherwise not be reported to the Department of Human Services.

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This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.