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An Act Requiring Payment of Child Support by Incarcerated Individuals

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro.
Cosponsored by Representative: DUNLAP of Old Town, Senator: HALL of Lincoln.

2 child support obligation is established and continues. If the
child support obligor commits such a crime and is incarcerated,
4 the fact that the incarceration results in a reduction in the
obligor's gross income does not lead to a reduction in the child
6 support obligation as initially established or when sought to be
modified. This bill provides that the incarceration and
8 resulting decrease in income do not qualify as a substantial
change in circumstances necessary to modify an existing child
support order. Incarceration may not be used as a factor to
10 reduce child support when the incarceration is based on a crime
committed against the obligee or the child.