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H.P. 684

House of Representatives, February 24, 2005

An Act To Amend the Guidelines Used To Determine Child Support Payments

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative CURLEY of Scarborough. Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §2007, sub-§3, ¶P, as enacted by PL 1995, c.
4	694, Pt. B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:
6	P. An obligor party's substantial financial obligation regarding the costs of transportation of each child for
8	purposes of parent and child contact. To be considered substantial, the transportation costs must exceed 15% of the
10	yearly support obligation; and
12	Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §2007, sub-§3, ¶P-1 is enacted to read:
14	P-1. Recognition of the contributions that the party providing the child's primary residence has made in
16	improving the financial circumstances of that party and the child; and
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20	SUMMARY
22	This bill amends the child support guidelines to provide an additional criterion for deviating from the automatic application
24	of the child support guidelines. The court or hearing officer, in establishing or modifying a child support order, must take
26	into account the contributions that the party who provides the child's primary residence is making in improving the financial
28	circumstances of the party and the child.

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