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122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 918, L.D. 1320, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Child and Family Services and Protection Act"

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4003, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Kinship placement. Place children who are taken from the custody of their parents with an adult relative when possible;

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4012, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Liability for intentional false report. A person who makes an oral report, including the information required in subsection 2, paragraph F, that the person does not believe to be true commits a Class E crime.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill.

It amends the purposes of the Child and Family Services and Protection Act to include placement of a child with an adult relative when possible when the child has been removed from the custody of the child's parents.

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2 This amendment provides that a person making an oral report
4 regarding abuse or neglect of a child who does not believe the
6 report to be true commits a Class E crime. Current law provides
8 that a person who makes a written report that the person believes
is not true commits a Class D crime under the crime of unsworn
falsification in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section
453.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LR 0836(02)

An Act To Amend the Child and Family Services and Protection Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class E crimes

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing budgetary resources.