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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 695, L.D. 1778, Bill, "An Act To Protect Children from Contact with Convicted Sex Offenders"

Amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of paragraph R (page 1, lines 18 to 20 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'R. If there is a person residing with a parent, whether that person:

(1) Has been convicted of a crime under Title 17-A, chapter 11 or 12 or a comparable crime in another jurisdiction;

(2) Has been adjudicated of a juvenile offense that, if the person had been an adult at the time of the offense, would have been a violation of Title 17-A, chapter 11 or 12; or

(3) Has been adjudicated in a proceeding, in which the person was a party, under Title 22, chapter 1071 as having committed a sexual offense.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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This amendment revises the additional factor the court must consider in determining the best interests of the child when establishing a parental rights and responsibilities order. The new wording ensures that the court will consider whether one of the parents is residing with a person who has been convicted of a sexual offense or sexual exploitation of a minor or a person who was adjudicated as having committed a sexual offense in a child protective proceeding in which the person was a party. The same applies to a person who was adjudicated as a juvenile as having committed the same types of offenses. This amendment does not affect the judge's discretion in determining the best interests of the child.