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S.P. 695

In Senate, December 30, 2005

An Act To Protect Children from Contact with Convicted Sex Offenders

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 28, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, SULLIVAN of York, Representatives: FISHER of Brewer, RECTOR of Thomaston, THOMPSON of China.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1653, sub-§3, ¶P, as amended by PL 2001, c.
4 665, §2, is further amended to read:

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P. If the child is under one year of age, whether the child
is being breast-fed; and

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Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §1653, sub-§3, ¶Q, as enacted by PL 2001, c.
10 665, §3, is amended to read:

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Q. The existence of a parent's conviction for a sex offense
or a sexually violent offense as those terms are defined in
14 Title 34-A, section 11203, ; and

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Sec. 3. 19-A MRSA §1653, sub-§3, ¶R is enacted to read:

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R. If there is a person residing with the parent who will
provide the primary residence for the child, whether that
20 person is a convicted sex offender.

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SUMMARY

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This bill requires a court to consider persons with whom a
parent lives in determining whether to grant primary residence or
26 contact. It allows the court to prohibit residence or contact
with a parent who lives with a convicted sex offender.
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