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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 306, L.D. 390, Bill, "An Act To Allow the District Court To Adjudicate Parentage in Child Protective Custody Cases"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §4005-F by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph (page 1, lines 7 to 10 in L.D.)

**SUMMARY**

This amendment deletes language concerning the binding effect of a parentage decision made by the District Court in a child protection proceeding. The language is not needed because the doctrine of res judicata applies to child protective orders and judgments as it applies to other court orders and judgments. Under the rules of res judicata, a party to a child protection proceeding under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22 could be precluded from relitigating the issue of parentage in another forum.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**