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An Act To Improve Child Support Services

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §2103, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

3 **3-A. Service fee.** In the case of an individual who has never received assistance
4 under a state program and for whom the State has collected at least \$500 in child support,
5 the State shall impose an annual fee for each child support enforcement case that is:

6 A. Retained by the State from child support collected on behalf of the individual
7 after the collected support exceeds \$500;

8 B. Paid by the individual applying for services;

9 C. Recovered from the noncustodial parent; or

10 D. Paid by the State out of its own funds. The annual fee may not be considered as
11 an administrative cost of the State for operation of child support enforcement services
12 and must be considered income to the program under which the individual has
13 received child support enforcement services.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill adds language necessary to comply with requirements set out in the federal
16 Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, which now requires Maine to impose an annual service
17 fee in each case in which an individual has never received assistance under a state
18 program and from which child support collections total over \$500 in a year.