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House of Representatives, January 20, 2011

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Child Support Enforcement

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and

Representatives: BENNETT of Kennebunk, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY of Arundel,

STUCKEY of Portland.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §4422, sub-§17 is enacted to read:
3 4 5	17. Resources to pay child support. The debtor's interest in funds or assets that are necessary for the debtor to pay child support that is required for an existing or anticipated support order as defined by Title 19-A, section 2101, subsection 13.
6	Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §2110 is enacted to read:
7	§2110. Priority
8 9 10 11 12	Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a support order or any order, lien, assignment of income, execution, garnishment or attachment issued under this chapter has priority over any previously filed order, lien, assignment of income execution, garnishment or attachment that is not made for the purpose of enforcing or paying child support.
13	SUMMARY
14 15 16 17	This bill provides an exemption from attachment and execution for any debtor's interest in funds or assets that are necessary for the debtor to pay child support. This bill also provides that child support orders have priority over previously filed orders that are not made for the purpose of enforcing or paying child support.