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H.P. 607

House of Representatives, March 3, 2011

An Act Relating to Child Support and Visitation by Noncustodial Parents

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and
Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, PRIEST of Brunswick, Senator: JACKSON of
Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §2306, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2
3 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

4 B. This subsection does not apply if:

5 (1) A party demonstrates and the hearing officer finds that there is good cause
6 not to require immediate withholding under this section; ~~or~~

7 (2) A written agreement between the parties providing an alternative
8 arrangement is filed with the hearing officer; or

9 (3) Unless reasonable grounds exist for refusing contact, the obligee is not in
10 compliance with an order requiring contact between the responsible parent and
11 the child or, if no order concerning contact is in effect, the obligee does not
12 permit the responsible parent to have contact with the child.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that the Department of Health and Human Services is prohibited
15 from issuing an income withholding order against the wages of the financially responsible
16 parent when the parent with whom the child lives either is in violation of a parental rights
17 and responsibilities order requiring contact between the child and the financially
18 responsible parent or, if no order concerning contact is in effect, does not permit contact
19 between the financially responsible parent and the child. If reasonable grounds exist for
20 refusing contact, the prohibition is void.