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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

126TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 155, L.D. 375, Bill, "An Act To Require the State To Enforce Spousal Support Obligations in the Same Manner as Child Support Obligations"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Establish the Study Committee on Alternative Methods of Enforcement of Spousal Support'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Study Committee on Alternative Methods of Enforcement of Spousal Support will review methods of spousal support enforcement in other states; and

Whereas, the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative session; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Study committee established. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Study Committee on Alternative Methods of Enforcement of Spousal Support, referred to in this resolve as "the study committee," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Study committee membership. Resolved: That the study committee consists of 5 members appointed as follows:



Approved: 06/11/13 *MAC*

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LD 375

LR 709(02)

An Act To Require the State To Enforce Spousal Support Obligations in the Same Manner as Child Support Obligations

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-294)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study committee are projected to be \$3,000 in fiscal year 2013-14. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$10,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 for legislative studies. Whether the amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study committee can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources.